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## SPECIAL REFERENDUM:

## REORGANIZATION PLAN VOTE



Members of the Beaver Patrol, Troop 79 of St. David's Church are pictured with the "first award" ribbon they won in the Upward Trails Camporee held at the Moses Scout Reservation in Woronoco recently. Left to right are: Bryan Kinsley, Patrol Leader; David Rose, Gary Conlin, Assistant Patrol leader; Tony Mastromateo. Not pictured is Frank Boweys

### Council Okays \$14.1 Million Budget

After three review sessions last week, Agawam's Town Council voted Thursday night to approve a \$14,122,121 budget. This figure consists of \$7,430,337 for the towns portion of the budget, and \$6,691,784 for the School Department budget. The budget is predicted to effect

an overall increase in the tax rate of \$3.00.

The total was approximately 6 percent over last years budget, with the bulk of the increases attributed to inflation and salary raises negotiated this year but retroactive to last year.

The largest budget cuts

were in the capital improvements, Highway Department and school maintenance accounts, and contains no new programs.

According to Director of Finance, Dave Gallano, next years tax rate will be announced late in June after total state reimbursements have been determined.

### Mailbox

#### Improvement Week

The week of May 22 through May 27, 1978 has been designated as MAILBOX IMPROVEMENT WEEK says Postmaster Robert R. DeForge.

The Agawam Postmaster said the Post Office Department's purpose is to call attention to the need for providing mail receptacles which are designed to protect the mail from the weather, and which are neat in appearance, conveniently located, and safe to use.

Where the use of street names and house numbers has been authorized, the house number and the

patron's name should be shown. The boxes should be installed with the bottom of the box between 3½ and 4 feet from the roadway.

Mailboxes and their supports should be kept painted and free from rust at all times.

Patrons support of the Post Office Department's Mail Improvement Week has been very commendable and the department appreciates the efforts of those who have taken the time to maintain their boxes in a neat and orderly manner.

### Screening Now Underway

The Agawam Public Schools will conduct a developmental screening program on June 1, 1978, for children having substantial disabilities.

The screening will take place at the Building Block Nursery School in the First Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills and will be by appointment only.

Developmental screening is a brief check of a child's vision, hearing, eye-hand coordination, language abilities and large motor control. Most children

develop in these areas at a rate which is within a normal range for their age. For some children the developmental screening may indicate that more information about the child's abilities would be helpful.

Results of the screening will be discussed with the parents and assistance in further evaluations and-or obtaining services will be available.

For further information and an appointment, parents should call: Mary Larrivee at 786-0777.

This Thursday, May 25, Agawam will hold a court ordered, special referendum on the "Proposed Reorganization Plan" as submitted by former Town Manager James D. Westman. The Town's various polling places will be open from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.

The single question on the ballot (as shown on pages ten and eleven of this issue) leaves the decision to the voter as to whether or not Agawam will continue with the four directors created by the reorganization plan. The original plan called for the four directors to be appointed by the Town Manager and to be directly responsible to him. Each director was to be responsible for the overall supervision, direction and coordination of the approximately thirty bureaus and agencies within his department (between seven and eleven apiece). This plan was instituted to set up a chain of command from the Town Manager through the various directors to the various departments, commissions, boards and officers.

The plan was approved by the Town Council after some legal manoeuvring and technicalities allowed ninety days to pass. A Citizen Referendum Petition was bypassed by the manoeuvring and ended up in Hampden Superior Court. Judge Andrew Anderson, in

mid March of this year, found that the petition was in accordance with Agawam's Home Rule Charter and was the proper subject for a citizen referendum. He therefore ruled that the Town Council must reject the plan or, barring that, must submit the issue to the voters in the special referendum.

The various members of

the community in opposition to the plan have come together for a host of reasons but have all urged the same result: voter rejection of the plan. The Citizens for Good Government, behind the successful court action, have urged the rejection of the plan for two reasons: they claim that the Town of Agawam is not sophisticated enough or large enough to either need or be able to afford the system. They also point to the absence of qualifications being established for the directors prior to its adoption. They claim that this fact could possibly pave the way for "political patronage" and favors with tax dollars.

Sources close to the issues also point to the various personality clashes as being a factor in the issue. The legal manoeuvring and shuffling produced a few casualties and each of the directors has come under fire at one time or another. The undercurrents and emotions are still a factor in this reorganization plan.

Editor's note: In this issue, you will find a specimen ballot and a chart showing the various departments and direct line of authority being proposed. You will also find political advertising by both sides. Further, you will find unedited statements by various groups, for and against the question.



Linda Shapiro, Agawam's Grants Person

### Agawam's Grants Person

The town of Agawam has received CETA funding for the relatively new position of "Grants Person." Our new "Grants Person" is Linda Shapiro, graduate of Berkshire Christian College, and a native of up state New York. Linda and her husband reside in Agawam.

Linda's office will be located in the Town Hall Annex, where she will work, on a full time basis, to help Agawam apply for and receive monies - both federal and state - that the town and its tax paying citizens are entitled to, but whose existence, at the present

time we may be unaware of. It will be Ms. Shapiro's responsibility to find out "where Agawam is, where it wants to go, and how to get there." Once she has accomplished the first two objectives, she will devote much time and energy to researching the "how."

All grant requests will be funneled through her office, and as various grants are discovered, public hearings will be held for citizen input.

Ms. Shapiro hopes that her office will facilitate the town governments' efforts to obtain grant monies in the near future.

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# VOTE



# American Ort Fair

Charles & Phyllis Larson, James D. Fay and Susan Bishop will be displaying and selling their crafts at the Women's American Ort Arts & Craft Fair.

The Larsons will be displaying beaded glass jewelry, James a wide selection of wooden toys and Susan - handpainted signs and tin and wooden ware.

The Fair runs from 10-5 p.m. and will be held on Sunday June 4, 1978 next to Sears Roebuck on Memorial Drive, West Springfield, Massachusetts. Admission is free, and parking is plentiful. Drinks and bar-b-que food will be available throughout the day.

Items donated by the craftspeople will be raffled every hour during the fair. ORTS Big Raffle which is a \$200 gift certificate donated by BART Jewelers of Longmeadow with a \$125 and \$75 certificate for second and third prize will also be drawn at the fair.

Proceeds will go to Women's American ORT which is a non-profit

organization which builds and supports vocational training schools throughout the world. There is no raindate.

Over 100 Craftspeople from New England, Venn., Florida and the New York area will be exhibiting their crafts at the First Annual Women's American ORT Arts & Crafts Fair. Some of the items on display & for sale include: Batik, wire and wax sculpture, ceramics and quilts just to name a few. Come and join us for a fun day.

## Special Program for Preschoolers

Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is holding a special program for preschoolers and parents beginning Wednesday, May 31st. Kids and Parents is a series of three one-hour explorations of natural history in a relaxing at-

mosphere held on three consecutive Wednesdays.

Children ages 3 and 4, along with parents or grandparents will learn about plants and animals at the 260-acre sanctuary.

Each day a new woodland path will be taken to discover living examples of nature. Wildflowers, land snails, salamanders, turtles and trees will all be part of the discoveries.

Sanctuary staff will provide direction and suggest activities for parents to work with their children during the weeks between the sessions.

Kids and Parents is open to the public and a fee is charged. For more information and to make reservations, call Laughing Brook, any day, at 566-3571.

## Booster Club Car Wash

The Agawam High School Baseball Booster Club will hold a car wash this Saturday, May 27, 1978 at the Middle School Parking lot on Main Street. "Booster Club" President, Don Rheault, stated the hours will be from 9-5 p.m. and donation to the Booster Club is only 99 cents per car. This is a tremendous source of revenue for the Booster Club and all JV and Varsity ballplayers will be at the wash. Rheault wished to "thank" the hundreds who had their car washed on May 6th and hopes that this one will be even greater. The proceeds are used for the boys scholarships and our annual awards banquet Rheault further stated.



James Clark School P.T.O. recently ended its year with the annual Pot Luck supper. Pictured are from Left: Tim O'Connor, Chairman of the event; Dan Michaels PTO President; Dr. Sam Femiani, director of SPAN & guest speaker; Lynn McGuire, treasurer, and Bobby Lane, Secretary.

photo by Jack Devine

## Chamber Repertory Theatre

The Chamber Repertory Theatre, Boston's continually touring professional theatre company, will be coming to Agawam Public Libraries on Friday, May 26, 1978 at 8:00 p.m. The performance will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church. This nationally acclaimed Boston based theatre company will be performing the world premiere production of Ted Davis' new full-length play, TELL TALE POE. The play is based upon several of Edgar Allan Poe's best known story-teller's life. Admission is free for all those who wish to attend this dynamic performance.

The performance is

sponsored by Agawam Public Libraries in honor of Massachusetts Library Month, May, 1978. TELL TALE POE is set in a small tavern in Baltimore in October of 1849 and concerns itself with a weaving together of Poe's life and works. Such tales as "The Black Cat", "Fall of The House of Usher", "Premature Burial", "The Tell-Tale Heart", and others are placed against this setting in a fully costumed and excitingly staged production. TELL TALE POE as performed by a cast of four actors does not deal with the cliché version of Poe, a writer of ghost stories; the fact is that Poe never wrote a ghost story! His stories deal with the bizarre and often grotesque fears and fantasies of the human imagination. Many

of those fears and fantasies were a part of his own tragic life: fear of death, of confined spaces; fantasies of ruthless murders and macabre revenge plots. As examined in the play, the character of Poe is inseparable from his stories. Many of these stories mirror actual events and persons in his own life; and these stories in the play are life Poe himself: often terrifying! The performers all have had years of experience on television, radio, motion pictures, as well as in professional preperatory theatres all over the country. Ted Davis, writer-director-actor, is a veteran of the stage who has recently finished directing the long running Boston hit of James Kirkwood's "P.S. Your Cat is Dead" which broke all box-office records.

## Public Invited to Chorus Festival

The Agawam Schools Chorus Festival to be presented at the senior high school, Frederick T. Dacey auditorium on Wednesday May 24th at 8:00 p.m. will feature chorus groups from the Middle School, The Junior High School and the Senior High School.

The Middle School Chorus under the direction of Mr. Steve Files will feature selections by the combined 6th and 7th Grade Chorus.

Junior High Chorus under the direction of Mr. Scott Thomson will present selections by the combined 8th and 9th Grade groups. Senior High Groups are under the direction of Mrs. Mary Callahan and include the Girls Chorus, the Madrigal and the Chorale.

The finale of the program will include the combined choruses singing "This Land Is Your Land." Admission is free and the public is invited.

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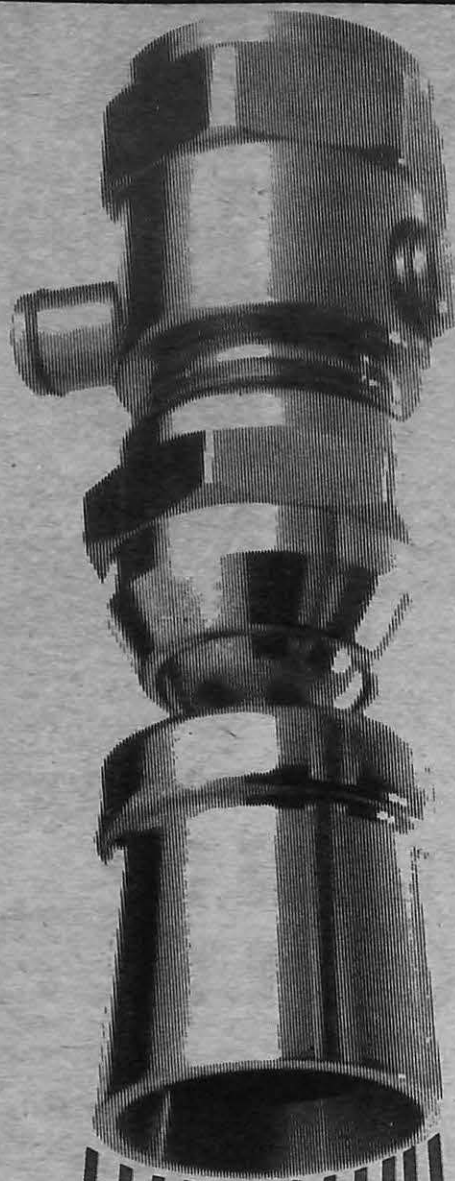
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# HBO LISTINGS

Mon, May 22

**6:30 HAROLD AND MAUDE**  
A real "odd couple." Ruth Gordon stars (PG)  
**8:00 USA/JAPAN GYMNASTICS**  
Part 2. Japan sent their top men and women gymnasts to compete with ours.  
**9:00 THE LAST TYCOON**  
Oscar meets Oscar. DeNiro and Nicholson, both past winners (PG-2:05)

**11:30 THE MISSOURI BREAKS**  
Great soundtrack by Oscar winner John Williams. Marlon Brando stars (PG-2:06)

Tues, May 23

**6:30 RACE FOR YOUR LIFE, CHARLIE BROWN**  
Charlie becomes the summer camp hero (G-1:25)  
**8:00 ALL THE WAY BOYS**  
Bud Spencer and Terence Hill co-star (G-1:45)

**10:00 HOLLYWOOD SALUTES NEIL SIMON**

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**11:30 THE WHITE BUFFALO**  
Slim Pickens, Jack Warden and Kim Novak (PG-1:37)

Wed, May 24

**5:00 A BRIDGE TOO FAR**  
Five nations cooperated to re-stage this crucial World War II battle (PG-2:55)  
**8:00 NETWORK**  
Peter Finch, Faye Dunaway, William Holden and four Academy Awards (R-2:00)  
**10:00 A BRIDGE TOO FAR**  
The real star war—with Gene Hackman, Sean Connery and Liv Ullmann (PG-2:55)  
**1:00 FRANK GORSCHIN**  
Actor, singer, comedian

Thurs, May 25

**6:00 FRATERNITY ROW**  
Remarkable picture of campus life in the Fifties (PG-1:41)  
**8:00 WORLD TEAM TENNIS**  
Golden Gaters at Boston Lobsters (tape)

**9:30 KING KONG**

30,000 watch him straddle New York City's World Trade Center towers in the spectacular climax (PG-2:14)  
**12:00 LAST DAY OF MAN ON EARTH**  
Nifty sci-fi from writer Michael Moorcock (R-1:24)

Fri, May 26

**6:00 ALL THE WAY BOYS**  
Cyril Cusack (G-1:45)  
**8:00 DAVID BRENNER RETURNS**  
*On Location.* Premiere. The reigning hero returns to Philadelphia—and HBO  
**9:00 HAROLD AND MAUDE**  
Bud Cort (PG-1:31)  
**10:30 EAT MY DUST!**  
Ron Howard (PG-1:30)  
**12:00 RACE FOR YOUR LIFE, CHARLIE BROWN**  
See Snoopy race on a souped-up motorcycle (G-1:25)  
**1:30 COUSIN, COUSINE**  
Marie-France Pisier is a delight (Subtitled-R-1:35)

Sat, May 27

**3:30 THE LAST TYCOON**  
Jeanne Moreau (PG-2:05)

**6:00 THE WHITE BUFFALO**  
Slim Pickens (PG-1:37)  
**8:00 KINGDOM OF THE SPIDERS**

*Premiere.* Cameras capture tarantula movement in terrifying detail (PG-1:35)  
**10:00 THE STEAGLE**  
*Premiere.* Sheer bedlam as Richard Benjamin stumbles onto war movie set (R-1:30)  
**11:30 NETWORK**  
Faye Dunaway (R-2:00)  
**1:30 THE STEAGLE**  
He's a modern-day Walter Mitty (R-1:30)

Sun, May 28

**3:30 A BRIDGE TOO FAR**  
Called the definitive World War II movie (PG-2:55)  
**6:30 THE MISSOURI BREAKS**  
Virtuoso performances by Marlon Brando and Jack Nicholson (PG-2:06)  
**9:00 MARATHON MAN**  
*Premiere.* Dustin Hoffman and Laurence Olivier co-star. Olivier nominated for an Oscar for this one (R-2:05)  
**11:30 A BRIDGE TOO FAR**  
All-star cast includes Michael Caine, Robert Redford and Liv Ullmann (PG-2:55)

## Air National Guard

Members of the Air National Guard will soon be able to attend state funded colleges and universities at a 50 percent reduction in tuition.

According to Master Sergeant Bill Fortin, the local Air National Guard Recruiter, a new law recently signed by Governor Michael Dukakis provides tuition reduction, on a space available basis. It applies to both graduate and undergraduate courses.

"The 50 percent reduction, combined with college credits earned through the Community College of the Air Force, should enable many members of the Air Guard to complete their degree requirements at a fraction of the former cost", according to Fortin.

He went on to say that "this new benefit, along with the excellent pay, insurance and retirement plan offered to the men and women of the Air National Guard makes Guard membership extremely attractive to anyone thinking of entering any branch of the Armed Forces."

Details on the Air National Guard education assistance program may be obtained at the local recruiting office at Barnes Airport in Westfield or by phoning Sergeant Bill Fortin or Sergeant Rod Laporte at (413) 568-9215.

## Disco Dance Class

Join us in learning the latest disco dance steps at the Metropolitan Springfield YMCA beginning June 5th, 1978.

This four week program will be held on Monday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The program is open to members as well as non-members and will be taught by qualified dance instructors.

For more information, contact Tina at the YMCA, 739-6951. Hurry, registration is limited.

## Conservation Commission

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, May 25, 1978, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Administration Building Hearing Room, 36 Main Street.

The Agenda is as follows:  
7:30 p.m. John Beltrandi  
8:00 p.m. Mr. Chapdelaine

8:30 p.m. Assessors - taxation & wetlands  
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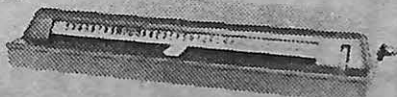
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Third grade students from James Clark on their recent field trip to Old Storowtown Village. photo by Jack Devino

## Trip to Old Storowtown Village

Mrs. Terry Augusti's third grade class from James Clark School recently went on a field trip to Old Storowtown Village.

Mrs. June Cook, director of the Village led the children into the past, where among other things, they learned how people from New England lived over one hundred years ago. The girls

made homemade applesauce, which, along with home made chicken soup and homemade bread, became lunch for the entire group. They also participated in making candles and bean bags.

The boys learned some things about the blacksmiths' trade, and also made their own quill pens while learning how lawyers

wrote out such things as wills and inventories.

All of the children attended the old church, and participated in a classroom situation at the Vallages' one room schoolhouse.

The day-long journey into the past tied in with the students social studies program and taught the children that learning really can be fun.

## Students to Tour Europe

Two Agawam students will tour Europe with the University of Conn. Marching Band during the next two weeks.

Darcy G. Davis and Karen Strehl, both former members of the Agawam High School Band will be a part of the Conn. Band as they leave for Europe on May 23 with an itenary that includes

musical performances and sight-seeing in Great Britain, France, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

Darcy, a former District, All-State and Band of America student while in high school is a sophomore at UConn. and plays in the Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band there as well as the

marching band. Karen is a former member of the Agawam High Color Guard and is currently a member of the UConn. Color Guard.

The tour will conclude on June 6 when the 180 college musicians will return to Bradley Field after stops in nine different locations during the European excursion.

## J.A. Futures Unlimited Banquet

by Steve Borard

Junior Achievement completed their 77-78 year last Wednesday as they held their annual Futures Unlimited Banquet or F.U.B. at Chez Josef in Agawam. The Western Mass. chapter of Junior Achievement is the largest in New England, and one of

the strongest in the country. Awards were given to individual achievers for each position held. The President of the Year went to Joan Tobia of Apex Industries, other awards such as Treasurer and Secretary of the year were also given.

The winners will go to N.A.J.A.C. The National Annual Junior Achievement Conference, which is held at the University of Indiana. As the Director of Junior Achievement in Western Mass. said "J.A. just seems to get stronger every year."

## Audubon Society

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is offering a three week course in basic organic gardening techniques for children ages 9-13, beginning Saturday June 3rd at 10 a.m.

Each two-hour session will acquaint participants with

the concepts of raising a garden and give practical experience as well. Easy-to-follow information on mulching, composting, natural pest controls, and soil testing are some of the topics to be covered. Work will be done at the Sanctuary's experimental plot.

The Organic Gardening Workshop is open to youngsters ages 9-13 and a fee is charged. For more information on the organic gardening for children, and to make reservations, call Laughing Brook, any day, at 566-3571.

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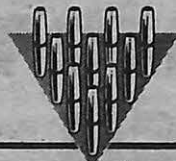
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Single parents are invited to attend an orientation meeting of Parents Without Partners, Inc., on Tuesday, May 30th at 8:00 p.m., to be held at Valley Bank on Sumner Avenue in Springfield. PWP is an international organization with chapters thruout the country. Springfield, Chapter No. 82, alone, has a membership of over 1500 people. Come and discover what PWP is about. We enjoy a variety of functions—dances, get-togethers, family picnics, camping, children's parties, discussions, and much, much more. To be eligible for membership, one must be a single parent—divorced, widowed, separated or unmarried. Custody of children is not a requirement for membership. Age of children is also no barrier. For more information, call 413-788-0597.

## Bonnie Brae Open House

Girl Scout Camp Bonnie Brae, the oldest continuously operating resident Girl Scout Camp in the country, will begin its 59th season on July 9, 1978.

Parents, potential campers and friends are invited to tour the resident camp during open house, Sunday, June 4, from 2 to 7 p.m.

Camp Bonnie Brae is located on Big Pond in East Otis, Massachusetts. Turn North on Algeria Rd. (Camp sign will indicate) on Eastern Edge of East Otis. Camp is 1 1/4 miles on the left. Algeria Road is off Route 23 about 12 miles from Route 20, 25 miles from Route 7.

To those visitors with reservations, a Buffet Supper will be served at 6 p.m. To make a reservation, call the Girl Scout office at 734-3159 from 9 to 5 Monday through Friday.

## Summer Band Programs

As in past years, the Agawam Community Band will also operate this Summer with rehearsals starting on Tuesday evening, June 13, at the senior high band room. Any members of the community who wish to play are welcome including adults, high school and college students and possibly some of the more advanced students from Junior High. Rehearsals are held during June on Tuesday evenings with concerts around the community during July. Registration is not needed for the Community Band with all who wish to play invited to the rehearsals in June.

Summer Band Programs are being enrolled and students from the Middle School, Junior High as well as members of the 5th Grade Beginner Band are urged to send their registration forms to their respective directors as soon as possible.

The Summer Music Enrichment Program will include an elementary band group of present 5th Grade Band members, and an advanced group composed of students from Middle and Junior High Bands that will meet for six weeks beginning on June 27 and ending August 2.

Band rehearsals and sectional lessons will be held at the Junior High School auditorium on Tuesday and Wednesday (except for July 4) and will culminate in an outdoor concert on the final evening.



Agawam's Veterans Day Parade Committee display the flags to be placed on the graves of Agawam's Vets this coming Memorial Day. Pictured from left to right are: John McCarthy, Vet Agent; Tom Whalen, American Legion; Shirley Houghton, D.A.V.; Adolph Nethowick, V.F.W.; Harold Channell, W.W.L.; Leroy Williams, V.F.W.; and R. W. Marriess, V.F.W. photo by Jack Devine

## Memorial Day Weekend Safety

Memorial Day weekend is traditionally the opening of the summer vacation season. It is also known as a weekend when motor vehicle fatalities are high. Registrar of Motor Vehicles Alan Mackey said today that all Registry personnel assigned to traffic duties during the weekend will be on the main and secondary roads strictly enforcing the motor vehicle laws.

"Any responsible driver should know that one bad judgement can cause a nightmare," said Mackey and he added that sober and alert is the only way to be

while driving. Mackey also reminded motorists that speeding during the Memorial Day weekend is many times more dangerous than usual due to the increased volume of vehicle and pedestrian traffic on the highways.

"Last year, ten persons died during the 78-hour Memorial Day weekend," said Mackey. "So far this year Massachusetts is the only New England State showing a decrease in traffic fatalities," he said and concluded, "the reasons for continuing this trend are obvious."

## Stress Testing Clinic

The Metropolitan Springfield YMCA will be conducting a stress testing clinic on June 1, 1978 between the hours of 6:00-9:00 p.m. The clinic is open to new members, current members wishing to take the test for self-evaluation of their progress in the fitness programs, and to the general public.

Each person attending will be individually tested with a fitness profile plotted. Opportunities for analysis will be made available.

For more information, Contact Dee at the Y, 739-6951. Registration forms are available in the Physical Education Office.

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# School Lunch Menus

## AGAWAM SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS FOR MAY

**Monday May 22** Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, tossed salad with Italian dressing, chilled fruit mix in syrup, milk.

**Tuesday May 23** Turkey salad sandwich with lettuce & mayonnaise, fresh carrot sticks, apple sauce, ice cream sandwich, milk.

**Wednesday May 24** Lemonade, baked hamburger & macaroni in spaghetti sauce, creamy cabbage & carrot salad, buttered Italian bread and butter, school baked cookies, milk.

**Thursday May 25** Oven roasted chicken, whipped potatoes, buttered waxed beans, rye bread and butter, cranberry sauce, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

**Friday May 26** 1/2 tuna salad sandwich, 1/2 peanut butter & jelly sandwich, oven french fried potatoes, sweet niblet corn, chocolate cake with vanilla icing, milk.

**Monday May 29** No School, Memorial Day

**Tuesday May 30** Potted Beef cubes in gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered niblet corn, whole wheat bread and butter, chilled fruit cup, milk.

**Wednesday May 31** Lemonade, steamed frankfort in roll, baked beans, oven french fries, mustard, relish, ketchup, applesauce cake with butter icing, milk.

**Thursday June 1** Oven roasted chicken, buttered peas & carrots, whipped potatoes, cranberry sauce, rye bread and butter, ice cream, milk.

**Friday June 2** Chilled orange juice, hamburger on roll, steamed rice, buttered diced carrots, mustard, relish, ketchup, peanut butter cookies, milk.

## Agawam Senior Center

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**May 22** Corned beef, potatoes, cabbage, cookies.

**May 23** Chicken breast ovenbaked, shredded potatoes, carrots, peas.

**May 24** Spaghetti with meatballs in mushroom sauce lettuce, apple crisp.

**May 25** Veal patties, scalloped potatoes, zucchini, banana.

**May 26** Tuna casserole, coleslaw, icecream.

**May 29** Beef stew, mashed potatoes, lettuce, plums.

**May 30** Lambettes, potato puffs, chinese cabbage, jello.

**May 31** Lasagne, broccoli, sheet cake.

**June 1** Knockwurst, sauerkraut, sweet potatoes, applesauce.

**June 2** Baked cod, spanish rice, peas, cookies.

We are looking for volunteers to help with our "Meals-on-Wheels" Program. If you can spare two hours (11-1) to help deliver 10-12 meals in your car, you really could make a happier day for some shut-ins. We reimburse you for gasoline. Can't you help one or two days a week? It is very rewarding work!

Those who are going on our May 31 trip to the Mark Twain Museum, be sure to call us the day before for exact departure time!

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This group from Danahy School conducted a survey of Danahy Grads.  
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## Danahy Survey

Mr. Louis Spiro and Mr. Douglas Walsh and a group of students, Michael Briggs, Gina Letellier, Melissa Ludeman, Christopher Mickna, Jennifer Powell, and Todd Connery have met after school for nearly the whole school year once or twice a week. They sent out a survey to locate former Danahy Graduates from that list they chose 8 people to interview; School Committee member Venetta Snyder; Judge William T.

Walsh; Principle Thomas O'Keefe; Key Punch Operator, Karen Balboni; Mr. James Crean, of Spencer meats; School Secretary, Gloria DePietro; Walter Terry Letellier, Policeman in Agawam, and Douglas Walsh, an aid at Danhy School. Questions were formulated and the students interviewed the people chosen. The interviews were taped with misuc and photographs taken. They then edited and

combined the results to produce a short slide show. The students also wrote biographies for a small book. The students did all the writing interviewing and the show.

## F.H. Resident to Attend Conference

Ann Favreal, a resident of Feeding Hills, Mass., has been named to the Steering Committee for the 19th annual 1978 New England Kindergarten Conference to be held in Cambridge and Randolph, Mass. next fall. Ms. Favreal is employed as a kindergarten teacher by C.M. Granger School, Feeding Hills, Ma.

The New England Kindergarten Conference, sponsored annually by the Lesley College Graduate School of Education and coordinated by Dr. Mary Mindess, Professor of Early Childhood at Lesley College, draws over 2,000 teachers, specialists and educational administrators to Massachusetts each

November. Conference participants attend lectures, film presentations, workshops, and participate in panel and round-table discussions relating to the theme of preschool and early childhood education.

Lesley College prepares 800 undergraduate women to be elementary school teachers. Students specialize in the teaching of reading, day care, early childhood education special and urban education and a new child and community program. At the graduate school 2,000 part and full-time students pursue advanced degrees in fields involving the teaching of young children and related disciplines.

## J.H. Band

by Steve Berard

The Agawam Junior High School Band are just finishing up on their busy May calendar. May 10th the group performed well at the High School as all 5 school bands participated. Then on Monday the 15th they travelled over to Greefield to perform with Bill Molton's Greenfield Jr. High Band. High praise was extended to the band by Paul Tatro the principle of the Jr. High. The next function for the band will be the Memorial Day Parade.

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## MERRITT HOPPING JR.

Merritt is a 6th grade student at the Agawam Middle School. He has been playing trumpet for 2 years and studying at Sinfonia Music since January 1977. He is a selected soloist for the upcoming Ensemble Festival. Merritt received an "outstanding" rating for his participation in the Solo & Ensemble Festival held April 26 & 27 at the Agawam Jr. High School where he performed "The Carnival of Venice & Variations".

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# Editorials

## "Fatal Flaws"

Because this newspaper respects Peter Caputo and his ability so much, we urge the voters of Agawam to reject the Reorganization Plan in Thursday's Special Referendum.

Mr. Caputo, as Town Manager, has repeatedly gone on record as saying that Agawam needs a reorganization plan. We agree. He has also stated that the people appointed to the various positions should come from within whenever possible. We agree. He also states that the reorganization plan, as submitted, is basically a good plan and fundamentally sound. Again, we agree. He has stated that this plan has some flaws but, nevertheless, he could live with them. Herein lies the rub. We believe that these flaws are the "fatal flaws".

We agree with those members of the community that urge job descriptions and qualifications be spelled out...prior to adoptance. We believe in Caputo's good judgement and intentions...but how long will he serve as Town manager? We hope his stay is long and prosperous (for everyone). But what happens in five years when his (inevitable) enemies are victorious or he is offered a better position elsewhere? We are left with an inadequately defined plan. How do we know that our next manager will be as good? Why should we leave this to chance? We shouldn't.

We believe that this reorganization plan should be defeated. Then Caputo should bring in his own plan with the necessary qualifications. Reorganization, as outlined by this plan, is consistent with the appointed professional approach to government that Agawam has adopted. We believe that reorganization must come. Nevertheless, we feel that this plan has "fatal flaws" and we urge you to vote No on Thursday.

## Articles of general interest will be accepted for publication.



### It's Amusing

by Bob Guevin

Congratulations to the Chianciola family of 96 Elmar Lane, Feeding Hills. A baby boy. We hope baby and mother (and everyone else) are fine. We wish you our best...what's that? You ask how did we know? Easy enough. We saw the ten foot sign you hung on the side of your house. It pays to advertise.

This column is becoming impossible to write...at least at home. My youngest daughter, age 15 months, has become intrigued by the typewriter and refuses to budge her chubby little fingers from the keys. If I could concentrate, it would help, but it is tough to ignore them when they are at this age. On the brighter side...I can say, truthfully, that there's at least one person in this world who drools over my work.

Apparently a rose will always be a rose but a library may not always be a library. The floor plan of the new library, to be located by the High School, shows that one third of it (approximately) will be devoted to use as a library. The remaining two thirds will house offices and public meeting (conference) rooms. All this according to the floor plan of the first floor. I haven't seen the plans for the basement area...perhaps there's more room there for "library". But for that kind of money, we can certainly be proud of our new Town Council chambers.

Speaking of the library...is it true that the location was originally chosen because it would avoid rebuilding the High School library? Only to discover that state law prohibits that use. Are they really rebuilding the High School library as well? Is the deadline for library bids being pushed back two weeks to allow more bid time? Is library money so easy to get through state and federal channels? If so, I have about 75 books in my house...can I get a grant? Might be worth a try.

## William Herd Precinct 2

William Herd, in his second term on the Agawam Town Council, is finding his job a little easier and perhaps a bit more pleasant. Stating that the present Council has a "willingness to listen to your views" and Council members vote on the merits of an issue as opposed to voting on personalities.



New on the question of reorganization, an issue to be put to the voters this week, Herd stated that he was "against reorganization from the beginning. Not that we didn't need it, but the managers plan, as submitted had to be accepted as is, with no modifications." He said that one of his main concerns was the "lack of job descriptions and personnel qualifications," and thus, he couldn't accept it 100 percent. Herd conceded to the fact that the directorship program is working, but added that it could "probably be a lot better."

Herd said that the citizens have "a tough decision because they have the same vote as I had to face. They have to accept the plan 100 percent, as submitted....rationally I think they would have to turn it down, even though it is working."

Herd likes the present make-up of the fifteen member Council, and noted that if the size of the Council were reduced to the proposed nine-man at large figure, "problems will be created." He said that the cost of an at large campaign would be prohibitive to many people. Herd noted

that his campaigns have both been of the door-to-door variety. Herd favors precinct representation indicating that a citizen with a problem "can get more knowledgeable attention by talking to someone who lives in his/her precinct." Every six months, Herd puts out a precinct news letter.

Councilman Herd and his family have lived in Agawam for ten years. Originally from Holyoke, Herd received a B.S. in accounting from A.I.C., and a masters degree from Western New England College. He is a full time faculty member of S.T.C.C. where he teaches accounting.

Herd's duties on the Council include participation in the audit sub committee and the school budget committee. He is also a member of the Elks, and the Sacred Heart Athletic Association.

## From the Editor's Desk

by Pat Guevin



I urge all registered voters in town to get out and vote on Thursday, May 25. Inform yourself of the issues we have some interesting statements for both sides in this edition - and then please get to the polls and vote. Lets show people that we really are not as apathetic as the last special referendum vote made us out to be .

Rep. Edward Connelly announced his candidacy for reelection this past week. The Agawam Advertiser-News endorses his candidacy and thanks him for his contribution to our newspaper. We look forward to the time when we will once again run his column to keep our readers abreast of the news from the State House of Representatives.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Wait a moment, please! May I intrude?

At a meeting of the Businessmen's Workshop regarding zoning, Mr. Joseph Napolitan said to the Planning Board, "You make so many mistakes, you ought to be ashamed of yourself." This opinion, though taken out of context, has broad, derogatory implications. And worse, it ignores the subject's dignity or worthiness. Actually, to belabor the point, it sounds as if a parent were admonishing a child.

Projecting a hypothetical workshop situation for residents, I would like those businessmen and politicians to please raise their hands if they have done any in-depth study pertaining to the subjects being discussed with such passion and prejudice. For example:

1. Have you read Small is Beautiful by E. F. Schumacher or The Public Happiness by August Heckscher.

2. Attended the exhibition at the Science Museum in Springfield on Man and His Environment.

3. Are you planning to attend the May 25th Conference on Community Revitalization to be held in Springfield, May, is Urban Revitalization Month.

4. Have you sought the advice and expertise of those community leaders who have solved some of the problems Agawam is now facing..

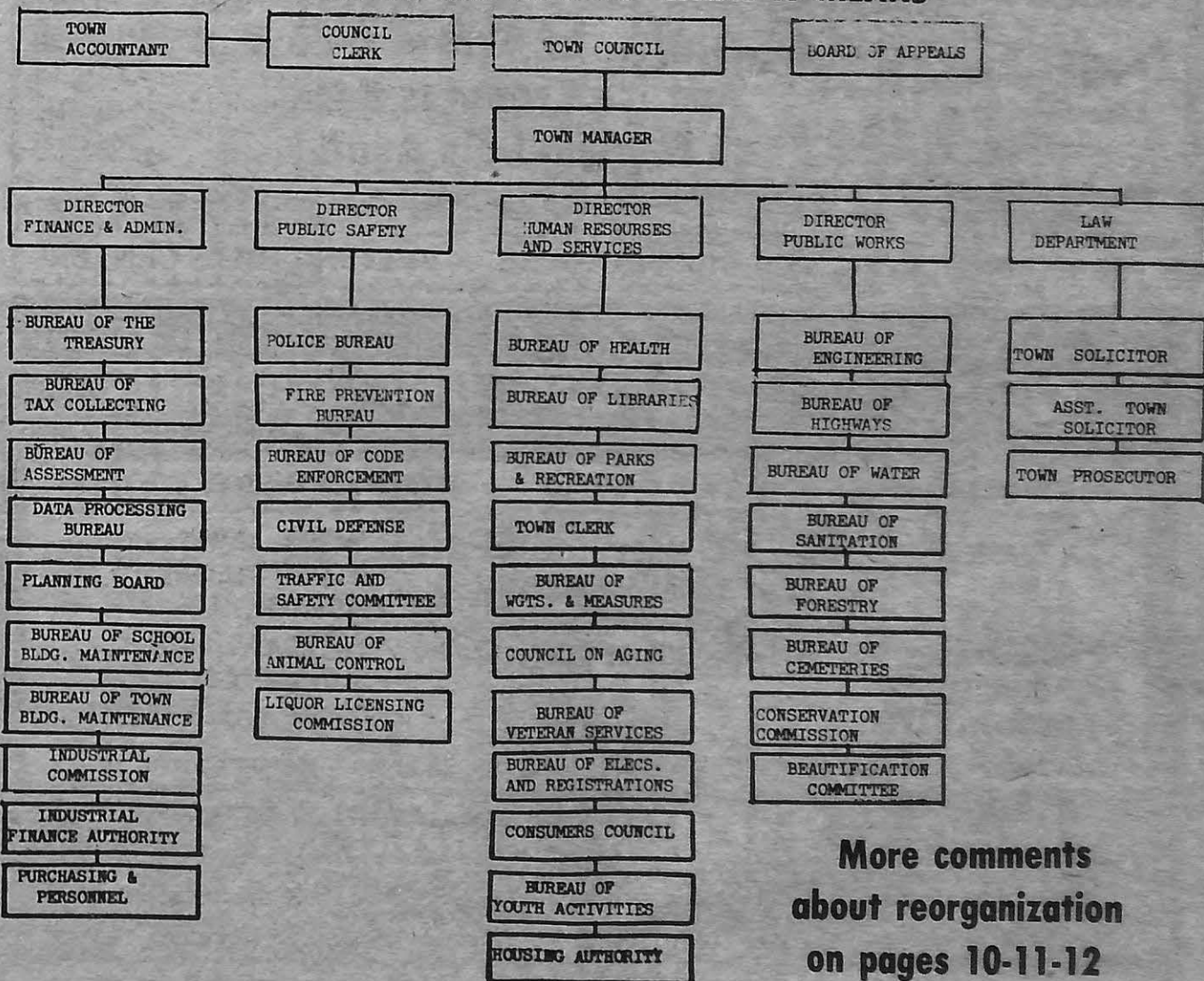
Agawam is surrounded by young people with fresh, diversified problem-solving ideas. Students in graduate schools, who are majoring in Community planning, architectural landscaping and related socio-economic problems. These persons would be glad to share and to help if asked. And it's all free.

Someone has said that Agawam was beautiful once. And traveling about and observing closely, there are vestiges of this beauty still. However, as a plan zonal-wise, it has become, glaringly, a hodgepodge.

I do not think the metaphor is too far-fetched to compare a town (after all it is Gods' Country we are

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## REORGANIZATION: WHAT IT MEANS



More comments  
about reorganization  
on pages 10-11-12





## Connelly Announces

Representative Edward W. Connelly (R-Agawam) today announced his candidacy for nomination and election as State Representative for the Third Hampden District.

Connelly stated: "With the advent of the new 160 member House of Representatives, it will be important for all cities and towns to consider seriously the experience factor of a candidate. The MBTA district consisting of 79 communities in and around the greater Boston area will be a viable force. Special interest and advocacy groups will be in a position to concentrate their efforts to a greater degree on a smaller House. I am confident that my legislative experience coupled with a background in Town Finance and administration will enable my candidacy to be considered as truly qualified."

Representative Connelly who is completing his fourth term as a member of the House has served on the Committees for Local Affairs, Counties and

Transportation. In June, 1975 he was appointed by the Speaker to serve as a member of the Ways and Means Committee. As vice-chairman of a subcommittee in Ways and Means, Connelly has been instrumental in providing a greater share of funding for the Western Counties in Public Health, Mental Health, Education and Environmental Affairs.

A former member and Chairman of the Agawam Finance Committee, he also served for nine years as member and Chairman of the Agawam Board of Selectmen. Connelly was awarded "Legislator of the Year" by the Mass. Selectmen Assn. in 1975. He has also been appointed to the Special Commission for the Care of Children and serves as the only House member from Western Mass. on the newly created Commission to Evaluate the Effect of State Mandated Programs on Local Property Taxes.

He is married to the former Ruth Stewart and resides at 565 River Road.

## Transcendental Meditation

Watch the Transcendental Meditation Program presentation on the Open Door, Channel 57, Thursday, May 25th, at 7:00 p.m. Special guests include: A Prominent Attorney, A Catholic Priest, a 17 year old Student Council President, Housewives, a Nurse, Business Executives, and many more!

Free public lectures on the Transcendental Meditation program will be offered at: The Hampden Fire House, Hampden, Thursday, May 25th at 8:00 p.m.

Also free introductory lectures every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at 21 Beechwood Avenue, Springfield.

For further information call: TM Program 21 Beechwood Avenue Springfield, Mass. 01108 Telephone-(413) 781-0015 (A nonprofit educational organization)

## Letters

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discussing ultimately) with a home. No one would think of building without a plan and giving thought to the family as a whole. If a person or group is too demanding and bracketed with emotion, the plan falls apart, mostly from lack of the all-important community spirit.

In a recent phone call to Town Hall, I was told Agawam does not have a planner or a plan per se. There is no available information regarding lot size, only frontage.

In other words, a multimillion dollar concern, if space is available, can and does extend usage beyond taxable limits.

By the way, have you walked by the old mill on Elm Street lately? I didn't ask, "whiz by" as so many cars and trucks do. Notice all the litter and general disgraceful appearance. There has been much written about making these old mills an asset graphically and functionally. Holyoke, for instance, has started this. Even I, if asked, could clear this section and with some paint, reverse the ap-

pearance to one marked by progress for all to see, enjoy and inspire.

Matshusita says, "Nature forms our environment, and if we want to have lives of high quality we must maintain a quality environment in which to live."

More anon,  
Faith Dee

### TO THE EDITOR

Concerning the May 9th issue of your paper, I'm sorry but American Cocks don't interest me. I do have a litter of mixed breeds. My neighbor has a litter of German Shepards. Will there be enough room on the front page for both of us to advertise? Also, I will receive no monetary feedback from my free advertising. Or are you partial to American Cocks? Or town managers?

You have a good, informative, town newspaper. Don't ruin it with this boring, cheap advertising and on the front page yet!

Wanting equal time!

## Obituaries

### BRUCE P. NOTMAN

Bruce P. Notman, 78, of 1315 Main St., chairman of the Republican Town Committee, died Monday, May 15 in a local nursing home.

Notman was a retired inspector for Hamilton Standard, Division of United Technologies, Windsor Locks, Conn. He had also worked as a buyer for the former Forbes and Wallace Department Store, Springfield, for 22 years and for Rolls Royce of America.

Born in Flint, Mich., he lived in Springfield before moving to Agawam 38 years ago. He graduated from Nichols Preparatory School, Buffalo, N.Y., and attended Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Va.

He was a member of the Agawam Congregational Church and a charter member and king lion of the Agawam Lions Club.

He leaves his wife, Evelyn V. (Anner) Notman; a son, Robert B. of Somers, Conn.; a daughter, Evelyn Long of Somers; a brother, Donald O. of Springfield; a sister, Elizabeth of Summit, N.J.; eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral and burial will be private. Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home is in charge. Donations may be made to the Agawam Lion's Club, or to the American Cancer Society.

### VALENTINE HODGE

Valentine H. (LeClerc) Hodge, 89, of 55 Cooper St., formerly of Springfield, died Wednesday, May 17 at Baystate Medical Center, Wesson Unit. Born in Montreal, she lived in Springfield for many years and moved to Agawam two years ago. She was employed at the former Kibbe Candy Co. and the former Nutty Goody Tea Shop, both in Springfield, retiring in 1960. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. Her late husband, Albert J. Hodge, died in 1937. She leaves a son, Albert H. of Chicopee; two daughters, Bertha Longley of Feeding Hills and Dorothy Brown of Miami, Fla.; a sister, Bertha Brouillette of East Longmeadow; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. The funeral was held Saturday morning, May 20 at the Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in Sacred Heart Church.

## Young Businesswoman of the Week

This week the Advertiser-News has chosen for its "Young Businesswoman of the Week", carrier Katherine Landers. Kathy, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Landers, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Kathy is in the ninth grade at the Agawam Jr. High School. Her long list of hobbies include swimming, bike riding, tennis, and basketball. Kathy is also interested in horses.

Kathy delivers the Advertiser-News on Norris, Highland, Williams and Henry Streets, and on Rhodes Avenue.

Whenever Kathy needs help with her route, she gets plenty of it from sisters



Katherine Landers

Barbara, Joanne, Karen, and Dianne, and brother Bobby.

The Advertiser-News Salutes Kathy for the friendly, conscientious service she gives our readers. Congratulations on a job well done, Kathy, keep up the good work!

### Sign Of Age

Hardening of the heart ages people more quickly than hardening of the arteries.

-Citizen, Prichard, Ala.

### Has A Point

Sign on an out-of-town church bulletin board: "Seven days without prayer makes one weak."

-Times, Dallas.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### MAY 27, 1978

Car Wash  
Agawam High School  
Baseball Booster Club  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Main Street, Agawam

### MAY 31, 1978

Agawam Historical Society Meeting  
6:30 P.M.  
Agawam Baptist Church  
Parish House

### JUNE 2, 1978

Cindy Singers Concert  
8:00 P.M.  
Valley Community Church

### JUNE 3, 1978

Flea Market  
Ladies Aid  
Agawam Congregational Church  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### JUNE 11, 1978

Craft Fair & Tag Sale  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
YMCA Family Outdoor Center  
Agawam

### JULY 8, 1978

Rotary Club Public Auction  
1-4 P.M.  
Westfield Savings Bank  
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# What Your Vote Means: Information to the voters. . .

from Ed Caba  
Town Clerk

A yes vote means that it is your desire to continue with the reorganization plan as was submitted on or about August 2, 1976, by former Town Manager James D. Westman and is currently in operation.

A no vote means, in theory, that Agawam will once again be in a position for the Town Manager's office to be overwhelmed by a request for services that will take more time and could be more costly.

These two  
pages are  
unedited  
statements  
of opinion  
from our  
readers and  
public  
officials.

Unedited statement  
by Gail Loncto

Reorganization has for the last four years been a very controversial issue in Agawam. Almost all of Agawams' informed citizens seem to have a very strong and vocal opinion both for and against our present reorganization plan. When the yelling stops and the smoke settles, one finds that the real issue is not whether or not Agawam needs a reorganization plan; most agree that some form of reorganization is needed, the problem seems to lie with the specific reorganization plan Agawam adopted one year ago. The same arguments for not adopting this particular reorganization plan three

years ago when it was voted down by the Council and one year ago when it was adopted by our Council are still valid.

The plan is too loosely constructed. Too many loopholes are available that can be used against the people of Agawam. For example, no job qualifications for the directorships are specified in the present plan. If an efficient management team is to exist then the men chosen should at the very least be qualified to handle these very important jobs. What guarantee do we, the citizens of Agawam, have that the men appointed to the directors positions are at least competent to handle these very crucial positions? If they are not, then the "team management" concept is not feasible and a bureaucracy can exist in its place. General management and controls will become uncontrolled general mismanagement, and fiscal responsibility will become fiscal irresponsibility.

Much has been said about the monetary savings under this present reorganization plan. These statements neglect to state that the full impact of its cost has not been felt by the Agawam taxpayer. Only two of the present four directors received a salary during the last fiscal year, and the

secretaries needed for all four were paid TEMPORARILY by CETA funding. One certainly would not expect the men holding these important positions to work indefinitely without compensation. Eventually either the taxpayer will shoulder the burden or monies will be sifted out of other departments, (Police, Fire, DPW, etc.) or both. The budgets involving public services and safety are already dangerously low. Either way the Agawam taxpayer is the loser.

Agawams' reorganization can only be as good as the foundation upon which it is built. If the foundation is not solid the plan can be abused and we, the taxpayer of Agawam, are the final losers.

Can you, a taxpayer, afford this bureaucracy? Can you afford even the possibility that it could exist? I, for one, can not and I urge all responsible and concerned citizens to vote AGAINST the present reorganization plan, on Wednesday, May 25, 1978.

Gail Loncto  
46 Cleveland Street  
Agawam, Mass.

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission urges the citizens of Agawam to vote in favor of reorganization when they go to the polls on May 25th. The Commission fully endorses the reorganization because we have found it to be the most efficient method for operation of our town. While we realize there are some costs involved in this proposal, we feel that the efficiency and responsiveness that each departments head will be able to establish with their respective departments will quickly pay for itself. Budgets are more closely scrutinized departments heads are more attuned to the needs in each department and can set priorities and plan accordingly of avoiding duplication of effort.

Obviously the Town Manager has limited opportunity to be in close contact with very many citizens on a regular basis. However, the employees and volunteers serving on boards and commissions are. And in turn, these employees are necessarily in frequent contact with the department heads who are readily available to them and to the Manager to discuss various courses of action that would best benefit the town and its citizens.

We urge each citizen to take the time to vote on this very important issue and not allow the failure of reorganization by default.

The Agawam Conservation Commission

Unedited statement  
by Walter Moreno

Some very important reasons why reorganization should be defeated at the election May 25 (next Thursday).

First the need for these four "mini managers" has never been proved. In other words do we need four more administrators-not, how good reorganization is.

Second, Agawam's former manager spent some three years-appropriating \$18,000 for a police survey -he demanded and got his council to take the police chiefs job out of civil service. But, we never got a police chief. He wanted the police chief out of civil service so that he would have the freedom to choose a chief "nation wide." He had ample time to name a chief. Instead of a chief with the extra ordinary qualifications he wanted he named a private on the police force who couldn't even pass a sergeants exam to supercede the authority of

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# Voting Machine

## Agawam, M

### QUESTION NO. 1

Do you approve of the "Proposed Reorganization Plan for the Town of Agawam", submitted to the Town Council by the Town Manager on or about August 2, 1976?

#### SUMMARY

The proposed Plan of Reorganization provides for the establishment of four basic departments with four Directors, each of whom shall be appointed by the Town Manager and each of whom shall be directly responsible to the Town Manager. Each Director shall have the overall administrative authority and responsibility for the supervision, direction and coordination of the Departments, Bureaus and Agencies within his charge.

It is proposed that the Department, Bureau and Agency heads shall each be directly responsible to the appropriate Director, thus creating a chain of command and responsibility that runs from the Town Manager to the individual department head.

Specifically, there shall be the following directors:

1. Director of Finance & Administration
2. Director of Public Safety
3. Director of Human Resources & Services
4. Director of Public Works

The Director of Finance & Administration shall have the responsibility and authority over the following bureaus, agencies and departments: Bureau of the Treasury, Bureau of Tax Collecting, Bureau of Assessment, Data Processing Bureau, Planning Board, Bureau of School Building Maintenance, Bureau of Town

# QUESTION





the Police Chief, also the Fire chief, the Building Inspector, the plumbing inspector, the electrician inspector, the civil defense director, the traffic sergeant, the dog officer, and the liquor commissioner, and of course the six sergeants, the police captains, and the six fire lieutenants. NOTE: not only did he not pass the sergeants exam he was the low man of some 30 who took the test. We still don't have a chief, if we did would there be any need for a director at a \$20,020.00 salary?

The same goes for a Superintendent of the Dept. of Public Works. This is better than a million and a half dollar dept, 20 percent of the budget.

We haven't had a professional superintendent with proper credentials since this new form of govt. began.

They have made the engineer the director of the D.P.W.-The engineer has his own dept that costs Agawam better than \$100,000. a year. He is paid a good salary to do the engineering work-he is not qualified to do on the job deployment of men. The D.P.W. and the Engineering department consists of 55 employees? How can he possibly keep every employee in both depts busy every day of the working year? In other words if we hire the long missing dept

head will there be a need for a director in that department?

Lets look at costs. The salaries of the directors for all the work they do this years budget treasurer director, \$21,970; Gallono, Safety director \$20,020; Sleich, clerk director \$22,720 Caba, D.P.W. director \$20,467. total \$85,177. The heads of all other depts-amounts to over \$175,000 or a total \$85,177 and \$175,000 of \$260,177.

Plus manager of course \$33,000-assistant manager \$14,000, executive secretary \$12,000 Remember Agawam is the smallest city in the Commonwealth of Mass.

Citizen Moreno

Public Safety, who relinquished his position as Head of the Detective Bureau, the other Directors are full time employees of the Town and have their own respective jobs to do Plus; FOR EXAMPLE:Director of Finance Administration responsible for 7 additional Departments. Director of Public Safety responsible for 7 Departments. Director of Human Resources responsible for 9 other Departments. Director of Public Works responsible for 7 other Departments.

If these Directors can manage to do this additional work efficiently and do their own jobs too, then they have been grossly overpaid for the past several years and should have been part time employees. If you really study this Plan, common sense has got to tell you that it has to be a Luxury. A Luxury we can ill afford. This Plan cannot stop at Directors as was shown by a recent article in the paper which reported the promotion of an employee in the Treasurer's office to the position of Collector. A position formerly held by the Director of Finance & Administration.

No matter who the Manager may be, of course he would be in favor of Directors, he is sitting at the top getting paid \$27,000 per

year plus, and he has four people doing better than half of his work for him. Mr. Caputo stated in his article that Team Management has been developed in the Midwest. We ask, "Why must Agawam be a testing ground for Managerial Policies in the Northeast?"

At the risk of sounding repetitious, we cannot over emphasize the importance of defeating this issue as it has got to have a pronounced effect on the Tax Rate. This issue is vitally important to the economic stability of our Town and we strongly urge you to exercise your right to have a voice in the expenditure of your Tax Dollars. In addition to the cost factor, there never has been an Established Need, No Job Description and No Qualifications required for being a Director.

Since the inception of Re-Organization, because of the aforementioned reasons, the Citizens for Good Government have been openly opposed to said Plan. It is through their efforts and financing the cost of the Court Suit which resulted in a mandate by the Judge for a Special Election, that you the Voters now will have the privilege of making the final decision. ASK YOURSELF "CAN WE AFFORD RE-ORGANIZATION?"

Statement by  
Town Manager  
Peter Caputo

In a recent statement, town Manager Peter Caputo urged citizens of Agawam turn out for the upcoming special referendum vote on Thursday, May 25, 1978.

Caputo strongly supports the present reorganization plan that has been successfully implemented in Agawam's town government.

Answering critics who have continually pointed out the supposed high cost of the plan, Caputo stated: "the figures that have been presented by those individuals who oppose the reorganization plan are inaccurate and misleading. Our research and experience has proven that the total cost for a more efficient operation will be less than \$10,000 - which is an amount that is less than lighting the tennis courts in the summertime. Furthermore, in one directorship alone, we have registered a savings in excess of \$20,000.

Caputo noted that there has been a savings in all offices and credited much of it to the swift decisions that can and are being made by the directors. He indicated that if the plan is defeated, he is working on a new plan that is "basically the

same...involving the same people."

Caputo said that operations at the Town Hall will be increasingly difficult if the plan is defeated. He said that rather than begin again, he prefers to remain with the present, on-going plan thus allowing him time to work out problems as they come along.

Zero-based budgeting will be implemented in Agawam and will save the Town money by tracking and clearly labeling all expenditures..The first step in the new budgeting system is a complete inventory and personnel count. Caputo indicated he "cannot do it alone." He must have the help of the directors to give him both the input and the time necessary to implement the zero-based system.

Caputo noted that to keep what we have, which is a working and viable structure, would make more sense and be less costly than to expend the time and money to begin again only to end up with a comparable operation.

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# Specimen Ballot

## May 25, 1978

Building Maintenance, Industrial Commission, Industrial Finance Authority, and Purchasing & Personnel.

The Director of Public Safety shall have the responsibility and authority over the following bureaus, agencies and departments: Police Bureau, Fire Prevention Bureau, Bureau of Code Enforcement, Civil Defense, Traffic & Safety Committee, Bureau of Animal Control and Liquor Licensing Commission.

The Director of Human Resources and Services shall have the responsibility and authority over the following bureaus, agencies and departments: Bureau of Health, Bureau of Libraries, Bureau of Parks & Recreation, Town Clerk, Bureau of Weights & Measures, Council on Aging, Bureau of Veteran Services, Bureau of Elections & Registrations, Consumers Council, Bureau of Youth Activities and Housing Authority.

The Director of Public Works shall have the responsibility and authority over the following bureaus, agencies and departments: Bureau of Engineering, Bureau of Highways, Bureau of Water, Bureau of Sanitation, Bureau of Forestry, Bureau of Cemeteries, Conservation Commission and Beautification Committee.

Lastly, it is proposed that there shall be a fifth department, namely the Law Department, which will not be headed by a director since that department serves all agencies of the Town directly under the Town Manager's direction. Within the Law Department, there shall be the Town Solicitor, the Assistant Town Solicitor and the Town Prosecutor.

Edward A. Caba  
Town Clerk

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YES NO



# Voters of Agawam: REORGANIZATION IS IMPORTANT TO YOU. . .

## Vote to continue efficient administration of your Town Government

- Former Town Manager James Westman initiated Reorganization with the Town Council's approval.
- Present Town Manager Peter Caputo wants to retain Reorganization.

The four administrative heads of the departments under the Reorganization Plan now in effect are not additional town employees but have been and are regular town employees. Their combined salaries prior to Reorganization was \$71,040.00. Their present combined salaries under Reorganization is \$82,495.00\*, a difference of \$11,455.00. For this amount they have assumed the added responsibility for the operation of the four departments: Public Safety, Human Resources, Finance and Public Works.

Reorganization has consolidated all town administrative agencies (except schools) under these Directors. Each Director is directly responsible to the Manager.

## REORGANIZATION IS A GOOD BUSINESS APPROACH TO THE OPERATION OF THE TOWN'S BUSINESS!

**REORGANIZATION HAS BEEN GOOD  
FOR AGAWAM!  
LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY!**

**VOTE  
Yes!**

**THURSDAY  
MAY 25  
POLLS OPEN  
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

\* Opponents would have you believe that the figures are far greater than they actually are.

Albert Bellano, 17 Mulberry St., Agawam

## Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



Isn't this spring weather something? I imagine your vegetable garden is a little behind and your flowers a tad slow in blossoming like almost everyone's around this area. Well, cheer up, this weather can't last much longer. While we are waiting let's talk about the vegetable garden again.

Weeds in a garden can come close to cutting production in half. Pull weeds before they are 2" high and before they go to seed. One year's seeding makes seven years' weeding. Also remember that using manure over the entire garden can have you weeding for the rest of your days. Tests show that 40 pounds of weed seeds are contained in the average 25' x 25' garden plot. Use a heavy mulch between rows and around crops to help keep weeds 'down under'.

Tiny white worms (larvae) sometimes appear on the surface of the soil of house plants during the cloudy months of winter. A sure way to get rid of these intruders is to use 'lime water.' Put a heaping teaspoon of slaked lime in a

pint of water, stir hard and then let it settle. The next day, pour off the clear liquid solution and soak the soil with it. Repeat in a week or so, if you need to. This method works well with all house plants except those that must have acid soil.

If you grow melons or pumpkins, try this for superior quality and flavor in both. As the vine becomes long and flowers form, count up the stem from the base of the plant until you count 8 or 10 flowers or so. At that point cut off the growth tip of the stem. Apply a 5-10-10 fertilizer then also, and water deeply. By doing this, you will allow the plant to put all its strength into the 8 or 10 fruits that will form and they will be the best you have ever grown.

If you would rather grow on EXTRA LARGE pumpkin for fun or competition, try this. Stop the growth of the stem and also remove ALL of the blossoms or young fruit except one, and fertilize once a week. You probably will end up with a pumpkin that might weigh as much as 100-150 pounds. Here is something else to try

that is just pure fun. While your cucumbers are tiny, put one (still growing on the stem) into any narrow mouthed glass jar or bottle and let it grow inside to giant size. One it has filled up the container, cut it off the vine, pour in vinegar and seal the jar. Watch the eyes pop as you deliver a 'jar of your best pickles' to a friend.

I'm sure you fertilize your garden when you plant it, but do you ever do it again? A second feeding is very important. Feed for the second time when flowers are on tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, melons, and squash and when your root crops begin to form good, mature roots.

A good friend to try to keep in the garden is a toad or two. Make a toad house out of an old clay flower pot turned upside down with a hole punched in the side. Keep a pan of water nearby and he (or she) might move in for their 'summer vacation'. Each toad can eat about 10,000 insects in three months...plus a whole lot of slugs. Now, I would say that is a good friend.

NEXT WEEK: solve a problem or two for your Azaleas and Rhododendrons; peonies plus; Flowering shrubs, what to buy for flowers from April until August or longer! Take a flower to a friend and KEEP SMILING! JMC

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## State Tax Department

An accelerated effort by the State Tax Department in the processing of 1977 income tax refunds is paying dividends to individual taxpayers.

As of last weekend more than 1,000,000 refund cases had been processed, approximately 120,000 more

than last year at this time, according to State Tax Commissioner Laurence D. Fitzmaurice.

"The large number of refunds mailed thus far in 1978 has gone to those who filed early returns free from error," Fitzmaurice said. "Thus far we have detected errors in some 72,000 cases to be processed."

The Commissioner pointed out that in the period from April 15 through April 19, the Department received some 1,059,000 returns, or about half of the total number received.

"This creates an enormously heavy workload and those late filers will have to wait longer for their returns to be handled. It will take another 8 or 9 weeks to get refunds out to these taxpayers, providing their returns are error free," he said.

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# Social



Pictured at the Catholic Women's Club's recent installation banquet are from left to right: Jackie Morgan, Marie Fortier, Bernice Consolini, President, Penny DeForge, and Cathy O'Keefe

photo by Jack Devine

## Catholic Women's Annual Banquet

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam held their annual banquet on Monday, May 15, at St. Anne's Country Club, Shoemaker Lane in Agawam. The evening began with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. and dinner served at 7:30 p.m. Mark Proulx entertained the members with selections on the organ, while club-member Mrs. Kenneth Hill sang several songs. Rev. Walter J. Joyce sworn in Officers and Directors for the second term, President, Mrs. James A. Consolini, First Vice President, Mrs.

Philip DeForge, Second Vice President, Mrs. Albert J. Taupier, Secretary, Mrs. Jeremiah T. Sullivan, Treasurer, Mrs. Richard E. Gingras, Asst. Treasurer, Mrs. James O'Keefe Jr., Directors, Mrs. Arthur B. Fortier, Mrs. Russell Morgan, & Mrs. Stanley Ciempa. Mrs. James A. Consolini announced the chairpersons for the events for the 1978-1979 year and gave a short talk on her first year as president. The banquet was enjoyed by all, and we look forward to

another year. The Committee in charge of the banquet, Mrs. David C. Gallano, Chairperson, assisted as follows, Mrs. Arthur Fortier, Entertainment, Mrs. Richard Gingras Sr., Mrs. Lena Bontempo, & Miss Mary Barrett, place cards and flowers, Mrs. Theodore Beck, Mrs. Walter Chmura & Mrs. Bernard Tatro, seating hostesses, Mrs. John Shea, Mrs. Dominick Maiolo, Mrs. James Moran, & Mrs. J. Frank Donovan, collecting at the door.

### Specific Standards

Sweet young thing: I like men with blue eyes and green backs.  
-Spotlight, San Diego.

## Sweet Adelines Win Award

Twenty six members of the Pioneer Valley Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc. have returned from Annual Spring Competition of lady barbershop singers with a musical feather in their cap.

This group had the honor of winning the Small Chorus Award. This award is given to the Chorus, with 35 or less members, who scores the highest points in Chorus Competition based on scores kept by a panel of National Judges.

Over 2,000 women from 24 Choruses of Sweet Adelines in the eastern region were judged on Music, Sound,

Expression and Showmanship in 3 days at Central Connecticut State College in New Britain, Connecticut.

Mrs. Louise Munley of Feeding Hills and Ms. Rosemarie Pedulla of Agawam are members of this unique organization that enjoys singing in a barbershop style.

Any organization interested in securing the group for a performance should contact Mrs. Robert Paine of East Longmeadow. Any women wishing to join should contact Mrs. Robert Marsano of West Springfield.

## SILVER CARRIAGE INN

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## 'Big Brothers' Needed

A 'Big Brother' is a person who cares.

Richard E. Knight is such a person; giving much needed patience and love to his Little Brother, Robbie.

Knight, an Agawam resident travels to West Springfield each week, taking Robbie fishing, bowling or to their favorite activity, 'Big Time Wrestling.'

"I became a 'Big Brother' because I felt I had something to share with a young boy," says Knight. "It's great, not only am I helping Robbie, I'm keeping myself young too!"

Knight's relationship with Robbie has been developing for six months and they're getting along great. Knight says that it was David G. Belding, Executive Director of Big Brothers that got the relationship off on the 'right foot.'

Belding spends a great

deal of time matching men like Knight to youngsters like Robbie and then helping the relationships work.

"The relationships we initiate will have a significant impact on the life of both the 'Big Brother' and the boy," notes Belding, "and because the organization wants the relationship to be successful, prospective 'Big Brothers' go through a detailed screening process."

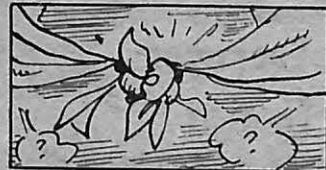
"It's not that we want to discourage anyone, but when someone becomes a 'Big Brother' he has made a significant commitment, not only of his time, but of himself," adds Belding.

Belding notes that Big

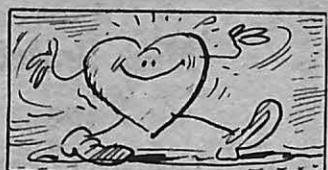
Brothers of Springfield Inc., a United Way of Pioneer Valley agency, have been very successful. Thus far, in 10 years of operation, most local 'Big Brother' relationships have lasted an average of two and one half years, while some have continued indefinitely and are as old as the organizationa."

A Pioneer Valley United Way agency, Big Brothers currently has 100 boys with their own 'Big Brothers' and have 140 more awaiting their turn.

If the agency has more men like Richard Knight, who care about youngsters like Robbie, their job would be very easy, indeed.



In parts of India it was customary to tie together the clothing of a bride and groom.



The heart is only about 5 1/2 inches long and 3 1/2 inches wide.

## Agawam Resident Elected to Girl Scout Post

Mrs. Carolyn Widmer, has been elected to the nominating committee of the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council, according to Mrs. Ellen Premo, Council President.

Mrs. Widmer's Girl Scout experiences go back to childhood. As an adult volunteer, she has been a troop leader, Agawam cookie chairman and unit chairman. She has served the Council as a member at large of the Board of Directors for one year.

She and her husband, Kenneth and children reside at 129 Parker Street Agawam.

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### Kathleen Nicora Miss United Teenager Pageant Finalist

Miss Kathleen Ann Nicora, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Chester J. Nicora, Jr., of Old Mill Road, Agawam, has returned from Peabody, Massachusetts, where she competed in the State Finals of the 1978 Miss United Teenager Pageant.

The United Teenager Pageant was founded to recognize and honor those who are outstanding in beauty, poise, personality, and scholastic and civic achievements, and to create a spirit of competition for young citizens who are actively participating in today's world as a part of

our American Heritage.

All contestants were required to write an essay on the subject "My Country", to be recited before the panel of judges, where Kathy placed among the top 10 finalists.

Contestants were also required to participate in a Volunteer Community Service Program. Kathy's participation included her service as a "Candy Stripper" at Baystate Medical Center, Wesson Women's Division.

Kathy is a 9th grade student at Agawam Junior High School.

### Desimone Appointed to Citizen Advisory Committee

Town Council President Richard Theroux announced last week that he has appointed Robert DeSimone of 64 Harvey Johnson Drive,

Agawam, a member of the Citizen Advisory Committee of the Housing Court of Hampden County.

### Jerald M. Pomerantz Honored

Jerald M. Pomerantz of 418 Meadow Street F-3 Agawam was selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America for 1978. Mr. Pomerantz attends Vanderbilt Law School in Nashville, Tennessee. He graduated from Brandeis University in 1976 and from Agawam High School in 1972.

Mr. Pomerantz is visiting his mother and stepfather, Debby and Larry Chaudoir, and his sister, Penny Pomerantz, until the end of the month when he will go to McAllen, Texas where he will be working as a summer associate with the law firm of Atlas, Hall, Schwarz, Mills, Curwitz & Bland.

While at Vanderbilt Law Mr. Pomerantz owns and operates a tee-shirt business and has worked as an investigator for Holland, Lynn & Nimmo, Attorneys at Law. He also participated in Student Legal Aid and intramural volleyball. Last summer he worked on a voluntary basis as a clerk for the City of Springfield Law Department. During the summer before entering law school he worked as the assistant manager of Casa Grande in Hidalgo, Texas.

His activities at Brandeis University included being a reporter for the student newspaper, a student representative to the Committee on Student Life, a member of the Residence Committee, a volunteer income tax preparer for the Internal Revenue Service's VITA program, a counselor for Mass. PIRG's Small Claims Court Project, a telephone answerer for the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon. He was on the Dean's List several times and graduated cum laude in Economics.

While in Agawam High School Mr. Pomerantz was a reporter and assistant copy editor for the Agawam Mirror student newspaper, a member of the Student Body Committee, a member of the National Honor Society, and the treasurer of Whalley's Goon Squad (a club associated with geometry class). He worked part time and full time during vacations at McDonalds in Springfield where he was elected an All American for the service window position.

### Bay Path Graduates

Several Agawam and Feeding Hills residents received degrees at Bay Path Junior College's Commencement Exercises held Saturday, May 20.

Miss Leslie F. Cote, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurier W. Cote of River Road, Agawam received an Associate in Science degree. She was enrolled in the Executive Secretarial Program.

Miss Catherine M. Andrews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurance R. Andrews of Main Street, Agawam received an Associate in Science degree cum laude in the Legal Secretarial-Paralegal Program. Miss Andrews was elected to the Maroon Key Honor Society.

Miss Debra E. Beltrandi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Beltrandi of Lexington Street, Agawam, received an Associate in Science degree in the Medical Assistant (Administrative-Clinical) Program.

Miss Robin E. Meissner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Meissner of

Campbell Drive, Agawam, received an Associate in Science degree in the Legal Secretarial-Paralegal Program.

Miss Francine C. Morris, daughter of Mrs. Irma J. Morris of Homestead Street, Agawam, received an Associate in Science degree in the Legal Secretarial-Paralegal Program.

Miss Linda R. Romano, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Albert Romano of Main Street, Agawam, received an Associate in Science degree in the Child Study (Early Childhood Education) Program.

Miss Cheryl L. St. Germain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. St. Germain of Elbert Road, Agawam, received an Associate in Science degree in Child Study. Miss St. Germain was named to the dean's list.

Miss Catherine Sulborski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sulborski, Jr. of Dover Street, Agawam, received an Associate in Science degree in the Travel Administration Program.

### Irish Eyes Are Smiling

Mrs. Adelaide Shea of 886 Main Street, Agawam was recently showered with love and devotion at a surprise 80th Birthday Party held at the "Meadows" in East Longmeadow.

Hostesses for the party were her four daughters; Mrs. Margaret Kruger of Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. Joanne Murphy from Mexico City, Mexico; Mrs. Adelaide Killar from Glenmont, N.Y. and Mrs. Marylouise Iampietro, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey.

Over 50 close friends and relatives attended the buffet and expressed their wishes for many happy returns of the day.

Mrs. Shea, in addition to her four daughters, was greeted by 15 grand children and 2 great grandchildren. When not involved with her lovely family, Adelaide is active in the Agawam Golden Agers; St. Johns Church Guild; Agawam Democratic Womens Club and an ardent worker at the polls during election time.

### David A. Kunasek Promoted

It was learned today that David A. Kunasek, son of Mr. & Mrs. David G. Kunasek of 64 Day St., Feeding Hills, Mass. has been promoted to Private First Class with the United States Marine Corps.

PFC Kunasek is currently stationed at Camp Lejeune, No. Carolina, and is working a legal-correspondence clerk. David is a graduate of Agawam High School Class of 1977.

### Cindy Singers to Perform

The Cindy Singers will perform on May 30th for the elderly at Warehouse Point, also on June 6th at Grove Village, West Springfield. Their year end concert will be held on June 2nd, sponsored by The Valley Community Church. In addition to the many lovely songs they have scheduled for the program, they are featuring a piano duet by Mr. Bruce Henley and Mr. Paul F. Roy.

Both gentlemen are form Hart College of Music. The donation is \$1.00 for tickets and they may be purchased from Sinfonia Music-499 Springfield, F.H. Waniowski Farms-409 S Westfield-F.H. Mrs. D's Market-Southwick SA-F.H. or they may be purchased at the door.

Come for a fun evening, Friday, June 2nd-8:00 p.m. at Valley Community Church, F.H.



The Rosary Alter Society of Sacred Heart Church recently held their Installation Banquet at the Silver Carriage Inn in Agawam. Pictured from left to right at the head table are: Nancy Doucette, outgoing 2nd Vice President; Rev. Joseph Flood, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church; Julia Zajchowski, President of the Society; Rev. Paul Burns of Sacred Heart, and Penny Martineau, outgoing 2nd Vice President.

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New officers of Danahy School P.T.O. are shown after recent elections. L-R: Walter Letellier, outgoing President; Ropale Walsh, President, Susan Grise, Secretary, Gail Brunelle, Treasurer, and James Ryan, Vice President.

photo by Jack Devine

## Western New England College Graduates

Western New England College awarded over 650 graduate and undergraduate degrees at the College's 57th commencement exercises, Sunday, May 21st. Also participating were 88 graduates who earned their degrees in October 1977 and February 1978.

Among the 347 graduates receiving bachelor's degrees from the School of Arts & Sciences, Business, and Engineering were 18 from Agawam.

Receiving BA degrees were Jeffrey B. Leporati, 1026 Springfield St., in psychology; and Carolyn V. Watley, 418 Meadow St., in economics.

From the School of Engineering, receiving degrees: Norman J. Dufault, 18 Portland St., a BS engineering and management; Anthony J. Mercadante, 523 Mill, a BS in Mechanical Engineering; Chris O. Muldrew, 25 Pointsetta St., a BS in Electrical Engineering; and Michael J. Plasse, 49 Alfred Circle, also a BS in Electrical Engineering.

Plasse, a Magna Cum Laude graduate was a member of the Electrical Engineering Club, Sigma Beta Tau, the national engineering honor society, and a recipient of the Monsanto Award.

Receiving BSBA degrees from the School of Business, in Management, were: Raymond J. Barbieri, 37 Church St.; Thomas S. Locke, Magna Cum; and Albert J. Sapelli, 427 Meadow St.

Also, receiving BSBA degrees, in Accounting, were: Daniel M. Cassanelli, 115 Edward St., Cum Laude; and James B. Lynch, III, 935 Shoemaker Lane.

Receiving a BSBA in Marketing: John M. Lazazzera, 107 Brien St.

Evening Division students awarded BBA degrees from the School of Business, were: Thomas R. Connery, 84 Robin Ridge Rd, in Engineering-Management; Barbara A. Green, 19 Charter Oak Dr., in Accounting; Stephen D. Prew, 182 Cooper St., Engineering Management; Armand C. Rea, 82 Mallard Circle, in Management; and James F. Veale, Jr., 150 Parker St., cum laude in Accounting.

Awarded a bachelor's degree in law enforcement (BSLE) was Robert S. Tugie, 88 Plantation Drive.

Among the 174 graduates receiving Juris Doctor degrees were 3 from Agawam: William Lee Bernstein, 420 Main St.; William A. Garvin, 117 Reed St.; and Paul N. Plust, 71 Ridge Ave.

Bernstein, employed by the Supreme Court of Connecticut, office of the Reporter of Judicial Decisions, holds a BA from the University of Arizona.

He has been on the National Board of Directors, Law Students Civil Rights Research Council, and the photo editor of the Law School yearbook. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester G. Bernstein of Phoenix, Arizona.

Garvin, employed by the Massachusetts State Police assigned to investigative staff, Hampden County District Atty's office, Spfld, also holds a BS degree from WNEC. The son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Garvin, also of Agawam, he resides in the town with his wife Jeanne and their three children.

Among the 128 graduates receiving MBA degrees were 11 from Agawam: Allen W. Austin, Jr., 19 Faymore Drive; Catherine A. Connelly, 112 Regency Park Dr.; John H. DeBonville, 62 Charter Oak Drive; and George H. Fogg, 180 Pineview Circle.

DeBonville, associate Director of Admission at Western New England College, holds a BA degree from Providence College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey DeBonville of Keene, N.H.

Fogg, senior production capability planner at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft, graduated Magna Cum Laude from WNEC in 1975 with a BBA degree. He is the

son of Mrs. Arthur Kimball of Cambridge, Maine.

Also receiving MBA degrees: John W. Fraska, 97 Corey St.; William F. Garrett, 49 James St.; Robert M. Hodges, Jr., 98 Riviera Dr. and Andrew C. Jorgensen, 42 Pointsetta St.

Fraska, employed by Pratt and Whitney Aircraft, also holds a BBA degree from the University of Miami.

Garrett, an underwriter at Masss. Mutual Life Insurance Co. also holds a BBA degree from WNEC.

Jorgensen, an accountant at Mass. Mutual Life Insurance Co. holds a BS in Accounting degree from WNEC in 1973. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jorgensen of 69 Parker St, Agawam, he resides in the town with his wife Susan.

Also receiving MBA degrees: Tony S. Miodonka, 84 Clover Hill Dr.; Michael J. Przeszlo, 377 Springfield St. and Donald R. Senecal, Regency Park Apartments.

Miodonka, employed as a marketing manager at R. Steinberg Inc. in N.Y., N.Y. also holds a BBA degree from WNEC. He resides in the town with his wife Linda.

Senecal, employed by Spalding Inc. as Plant Controller, also holds a BS in Accounting from American International College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Senecal of 380 Orange St.

## Craft Fair & Tag Sale

At an open house of the Y.M.C.A. Family Outdoor Center in Agawam on June 11, 1978 from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m., 10 of New England's finest Craftspersons will display and demonstrate their crafts. At the same time, the Family Center is holding a huge Tag Sale on the property. The swimming pool and tennis courts will be open to the public.

The Family Center is located at the corner of Perry Lane and Mill Street, just off Rt. 75, near Rt. 57 in Agawam.

## Jaycees Elect New Officers

The Agawam Jaycees recently elected a new Board of Directors for their 1978-79 year. The newly elected officers who will take office on June 1, are: Ted Zern - President; Tome Polidoro - Administrative Vice President; Gary King - Internal Vice President; John DeBonville - External Vice President; Pete Chechile - Secretary; Phil Ferrari - Treasurer; Paul Delskey - State Director; Bill Maki, Bill Toller, and Chris Manolakis as Directors. Out going President, Bob Ferris will serve as Chairman of the Board.

The up coming years programs and projects are currently being planned by the new Board of Directors. The areas that are stressed are: Community Involvement, Leadership Training, and Individual Development. Any young man between the ages of 18-35 who is interested in knowing more about Who the Jaycees are and What the Jaycees do, can drop in on one of our meetings held every 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 8:00 p.m. at the Bridgeview Bar and Grill on River Road at the South End rotary in Agawam.

## Stuart Wins Award

Air Force ROTC cadet Harold C. Stuart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry E. Stuart of 12 Roberta Circle in Agawam, was presented the American Defense Preparedness Association Award during a US Army and Air Force ROTC awards ceremony held recently at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

The American Defense

Preparedness Association Award is presented to an outstanding senior cadet in the top 50 per cent of his school class and the top 20 per cent of his AFROTC class, with no grade less than a "B" in Professional Officer Course classes.

Cadet Stuart is a sineor political science major at UMass.

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# Sports

## Agawam Gets 'Must Wins'

by Barbara Landers

It was all or nothing this past week for the Agawam Varsity Softball team and the Brownie girls came away with them all—Putnam, Ludlow, and Minnechaug.

Agawam had no trouble with Putnam as pitcher Joanne Hart struck out six, walked four, and allowed only four hits in a 20-5 win over the Beavers.

With Putnam aside, the Brownies now had Ludlow and Minnechaug to tangle with. (The Knights and the Lions owned Agawam's only two league losses) In order to remain in the race for the Valley Wheel crown, the girls needed to come away with these two must wins—

and they did just that!

Senior Karen Tyburski had it "made in the shade" as she turned in a very fine performance on the mound allowing only five hits in each of the two games.

The Brownies collected a total of 18 hits and 15 RBI in their 17-3 romp over Ludlow. Lee-Ann Mercadante, Lee Harvey, Lisa Kamyk, and Sue Lancour chipped out two hits apiece in that game while Micki Korob added three singles and Karen Tyburski collected two singles and a round-tripper.

The girls continued to raise their batting averages, this time collecting 15 hits and 14 RBI in handing

Minnechaug its first league loss in a 14-5 victory over the Lions.

Senior firstbaseman Katie Boyle belted out her 5th homer of the year and added 2 singles in Agawam's victory. Senior Karen Tyburski owned a single and a three-bagger in this effort while Senior Sue Lancour collected a double and a single and Junior secondbaseman Lee Harvey punched out three singles.

The team has won eight of its last nine games and is currently rolling along at a 10-3 rate overall.

Next week's schedule will include Longmeadow, Classical, and West Side all of which were beaten by the Brownies in first round action.

## Tennis Lessons Offered

Beginning the first week in June, morning, afternoon or evening tennis lessons are being offered at the Y.M.C.A. Family Center in Agawam. Lessons are both for beginners and intermediates. They will last 5 weeks and cost \$20. for "Y" members and \$30. for non-members.

Call Ginny Kinnell at 739-6951 ext. 253 for a registration form.

## Agawam Stifles Minnechaug

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

Minnechaug had the undefeated team, Agawam had the power to overcome the first place team and reduce them to size. That is how the story went as the Agawam High Brownies played just about their most important game of the season, and came out on top, as they rolled over the Falcons, 5-2.

The Valley Wheel tightened as a product of Agawam's victory, while Mike Riley shut the door on the Falcons, tossing a two-hitter.

At Minnechaug, the Brownies provided too much power for the Minnechaug team, who took an 8-0 undefeated record into the game. Riley ended up with six k's and walked a season-high of five. He had previously allowed only six on the season before entering the pitcher's duel.

Riley performed before the usual array of scouts, and tossed his two-hitter to record his fifth win in six decisions. He had the Falcons shut-out on one hit through the first six innings before allowing two walks and a hit in the seventh, yielding Minnechaug's two runs.

Agawam turned out the rest of the runs - runs which they definitely needed - in the top of the seventh. John Plante singled home Mike Barnes, who had previously slashed a one-bagger, while Plante got the RBI. With two on and two out in the seventh, Steve Nielson smashed his third homer of the season over the 366-foot sign in left field to make it a 5-0 tally for Agawam.

Two walks, a single by Dennis Anti, a fielder's choice by Frank Skryniarz

and an error scored the Minnechaug run in the seventh before Riley finally put the game away.

Riley also exhibited his slugging skills to the various scouts, as in the fifth, he slugged a solo homer to give the Brownies the lead.

The loss cut Minnechaug's lead over East Longmeadow, which previously edged Longmeadow 2-1, to an only one-game margin.

Agawam's true test will come this Thursday and Friday, against two well-balanced teams, Cathedral and East Longmeadow. If the Brownies wish to stay alive and running in the Valley Wheel, those two contests are a must for a victory by sheer strength and errorless fielding which Agawam has been known for in the past.

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## Agawam Track

by Steve Berard

The Agawam High School Track Team keeps rolling along, with a fine record of 7 wins and 2 defeats. They are currently tied for second place with the Ludlow team. In recent outings the Brownies have had some great individual scores, for instance, in the meet against South Hadley Randy Brown came away with 4 total victories. They were the 440 (53.6), 220 (23.5), high jump (6 ft.) and the triple jump (40 ft. 6 in.). Teammate Todd Clark also had a super day taking 3 events. Clark's victories were in the 100 (10.6), long jump (18 ft. 6 in.) and part of the 440 relay. With the many meets upcoming Agawam still has a shot for first place.

## Baseball Booster Club

The Agawam High School Baseball Booster Club will hold their annual awards banquet on Sunday, June 11, 1978, at the West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks No. 2174, starting promptly at 5 p.m. Booster Club President Don Rheault stated a "large turnout is expected", so I urge you to contact ticket chairperson, Mrs. Gail Stone as soon as possible.

This year I have arranged

to have Mr. Porter Blinn, Area Supervisor Scout for the Cincinnati Reds as our guest speaker. Rheault further stated that a delicious smorgasboard is being catered. We have an excellent program and tickets are now available at \$4. per person. They may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Gail Stone at 786-7684 before the deadline of June 6th for all ticket returns.

## Girls Junior Softball

by Shelly Melanson

Linda "Pudge" Kunasek is a member of the Agawam JV Girls Softball team. The position, catcher, is one of the most demanding and trying. Her favorite player is Carlton Fisk of the Boston Red Sox and that is where her nickname came from. After 39 times at bat Lynda has hit successfully 22 times. Out of those 22 times she has brought in 19 RBI's, making her average about .560. Lynda has two brothers, David who is 19 and Tony who is 11.

Kathy "Flip" Wilson is another member of the team. She plays third base. After having a sprained ankle earlier in the season she is playing well. She has hit successfully in every game, averaging two hits a game. Her batting average is .600.

The girls have not been able to play for the past few weeks because of the weather conditions but the games have all been rescheduled.

## Agawam JV Softball

by Steve Berard

The Agawam High School Girls Junior Varsity softball team are doing it again this year with an incredible record of 12 wins and 2 losses. This puts the Brownies in the second spot behind Cathedral's Panthers. The only two losses were at the hands of the Cathedral team who are currently undefeated and at the top of the Valley Wheel.

Agawam's very active coach Toni Veronisi has really had an effect on the team. The pitching for the Brownies has been excellent lately, especially from Rose Hottin and Kathy Chase who struck out 15 in a game against Ludlow which Agawam won 27-7. The team still has six games to play before their season ends on June 2.

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Members of the "Edwards Trucking" bowling team, which won top prize of \$1,000 in the recent Riverside Bowling League's annual Roll-Off are from left: Dave Romani, Ed Grant, Norm Rouillard, and Mario Settembro.

photo by Jack Devine

## Brownie Girls Eye VW Title

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

Now with the Varsity High School Softball season quickly coming to a close, the main target the girls' team is shooting for is the Valley Wheel crown, which they have a better-than-average chance of obtaining if they play their numbers right.

Their chances are even looking better than ever with a recent Valley Wheel victory over first place team Minnechaug, therefore producing a three-way tie for the top spot in the Wheel.

The Brownie softball team, coached by Carol Orsatti, began with a slow start at the beginning of the season, but are presently in full gear towards the VW crown, with a 6-2 record at press time. Hot bats and superb pitching from Karen Tyburski and junior Jeanne Hart has been the key that has unlocked Agawam's door to winning. Tyburski has been frequently referred to throughout the season as "The Nolan Ryan

of the Valley Wheel".

The Brownies have a team batting average of .397, with their lowest starting hitter at .360. That average (if you call that low) belongs to Kate Boyle, who leads the team with five homers and 25 RBI's. In past contests against South Hadley, East Longmeadow, and Holyoke, the Brownies compiled a total of 47 hits and 44 RBI's, which upped their overall team average to .358 at the time.

Other top averages on the Agawam team prove to be the best in the Wheel this season, forming the Brownie's own "Murderer's Row", with basketball-softball star Karen Tyburski leading the team with a .510 average at press time.

Following Tyburski in the batting race are Micki Kerob, .420; Edwyna Stefanik, also at .420; Lisa Kamyk, .400; Sue Lancour, another .400 hitter; Wendy Ober, .395; LeeAnn Mer-

candante, .385; and Lee Harvey, at .365.

All averages compiled at press time.

## Adult Swim

### Lessons at YMCA

The Metropolitan Springfield YMCA will again be offering swimming lessons for the Adult this summer.

Instruction for the beginner to the advanced swimmer will begin June 5th. Classes will run for one hour on Monday and Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. The lessons will run for four consecutive weeks concluding June 28, 1978.

At the conclusion of the past course, beginners were able to swim 30 feet of front crawl and frown proof for five minutes. All instruction is done in small groups with nationally certified YMCA swimming instructors.

Advanced registration is requested as class size is limited. Members as well as non-members are encouraged to participate.

Start off your summer right, call 739-6951 for more information on Adult Swim Lessons.

## Evans Wins Riverside Opener

by Larry Bouchard

Richie Evans of Rome N.Y. took the opener at the Riverside Park Speedway's 30th year of racing before a crowd of over 5,000.

Evans who ran into trouble during warmups edged out 3 time Riverside Champ Bob Polverari in the 50 lap NASCAR feature. Polverari who slipped past Bob Stefanik on the 4th lap held the lead through the 9th lap when the first yellow flag halted the race. Stratford Conn.'s Wild Bill Greco hit the wall on the first turn. Greco had to retire his car for the night. When the green

flag was dropped Richie Evans shot past Polverari and led for the final 40 laps to take his first victory at Riverside Park. Rounding out the finish it was Evans, Bob Polverari, Reggie Ruggiero, Jerry Cook, and Bob Stefanik.

Before the first heat got underway Bob Polverari was honored for winning his third consecutive track title.

Riverside will be running every Saturday night at 7:30 so come to the track and cheer on your favorite driver.

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## Sacred Heart Baseball

by Steve Berard

With the rainy weather last week, many of the scheduled baseball games were cancelled. So the standings remain about the same. In the 13-15 the Athletics are still in first place with a 2 and zero record. The team coached by Al Fenney collected both wins against the Dodgers and the Pirates in two very close and exciting games. In

second place behind the A's are the Royals. The Royals are guided by the fine coaching of Ken Peck, and are one of the favorites to go all the way this year. The Yankees have really stormed the 10-12 league so far this season, with a record of 5 wins and have yet to have a defeat. The Yanks are Coached by Bob Mercandante and are going to be tough to catch.

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# Sportsmen's Corner

By Bill Chiba

Developing safe, responsible and knowledgeable hunters is the goal of the 50 state hunter education programs; and more and more this important training is taking place in public schools, colleges and universities, making it possible to reach a greater number of young people than ever before.

The Texas fish and game agency, for example, is providing hunter education training in the state's regular school program, and, to date, 29 Texas school districts are cooperating in this effort. The idea is spreading and a similar direction is also being taken by North Dakota where instruction is offered through the biology, physical education, or vocational agriculture curriculum. Almost all of the hunter education programs in Idaho and West Virginia are in the school systems as well.

Every state in the Northeast has a program available for the public schools. Notably, Vermont is providing a program for



public school teachers where they can receive credits for summer training in hunter education. Expanding on the idea of hunter education in the schools, Rhode Island is offering an accredited "mini course" in the subject which is included in many school wildlife management programs. This course involves 20 hours and covers a wider range of topics than the basic hunter education program. College students receive one-half credit toward graduation, as well as a certificate of competence in hunter safety training.

Much of the success in placing these programs in both public schools and universities can be attributed to the Federal Aid Program for Hunter Education. Currently, there are 44 states that have joined the federal grant-in-aid program for hunter education which provides up to 75 percent reimbursement by federal aid monies for the cost of state hunter education projects. These federal funds are made available through a 10 percent excise tax on pistols and revolvers and an 11 percent tax on archery equipment. Federal aid has also established training programs for the State Hunter Safety Coordinators, as well as instructor workshops which provide

the instructors with the latest in audio-visual materials, training aids and teaching techniques.

In fiscal 1976, some 716,000 students received hunter education training, thanks largely to the dedicated efforts of 65,000 volunteer instructors.

## FISHING ROUNDUP

Ed Goyette reports that he and his fishing partner limited out at Otis Reservoir during heavy rain fall this week. Vic Mancini, West Springfield and Emellio Santini of Feeding Hills, have been hitting the trout heavy in Congomond lakes. Emellio took a brown that went over three pounds in the Middle Pond. Hank Daglio, Agawam, has been doing very good at Crystal Lake in Conn. He has limited out the five times he has fished there. Henry Guidi did good on the Farmington River the other day and Littleville has been producing very good for the shore fishermen at the upper end.

Due to a hectic spring and recovery from minor surgery, Ed and I have not wetted a line so far. I believe, not counting the five years of Navy service this is the first year since I was five years old that I haven't fished the open day of the season. Even though the season is now 12 months long, I still hold on to the old feeling that it really doesn't start till the 3rd week of April. We hope to hit the ponds soon. I think that Otis will be the first.

The old Agawam YMCA facility at the corner of Perry Lane and Mill Street is getting a new image and a fresh push focused on families.

According to Mr. George Steffey, Director of the Family Center, now operated by the Metropolitan Springfield "Y", the opportunity for family oriented programs in the Agawam, Feeding Hills area is unlimited. Mr. Steffey, said the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission released a study in June of 1977 that showed Agawam as the fastest growing community in the Metropolitan area and expected it to pass West Springfield as the

## Cancer Program

three hospitals in Massachusetts, out of a total of 32 hospitals with approved cancer programs, are designated as Category I institutions.

Approval of the Medical Center's cancer program for another three years followed an on-site inspection at both campuses of the Medical Center. The inspection included a review of oncology registry procedures, educational programs and conferences, personnel and facilities.

Baystate Medical Center's multidisciplinary cancer program—combining the resources of chemotherapy, radiation therapy and

surgery—provides residents of the region access to the latest developments in cancer management. The Medical Center cares for about 1400 new patients a year.

As an active participant in experimental networks developing new ways of treating cancer—such as the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group, the Acute Leukemia Group B and the New England Network Demonstration Project in Breast Cancer—Baystate Medical Center receives information on the latest therapeutic procedures and drugs for cancer patients.

## The People's Choice

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

Now with the pit crews in full action, and the drivers having run their few extra warm-up laps, one turns to the speculation of the thousands of racing fans who pay their way at the Riverside Speedway gates to see his or her favorite racing driver. After all, these are the people who actually determine who will be the favored driver of the area, and the few unlucky ones who will not.

The big favorites that are expected to race this year at Riverside are Geoff Bodine, Bob Stefanik, Peter Fian-daca, Ron Wycoff, and the king-pin Bob Polverari, just to mention a few of the big names in the racing circuit.

Benine, who won this

year's "Spring Sizzler" at the Stafford Speedway, will once again top the card of favorites at Riverside. Bodine's car this year will be a Jack Tant-built Chevy. Bodine originally borrowed it from Tant, who is known to build one of the most powerful engines this side of the Mississippi. At 28 years of age, Bodine has set so many records that he's even having trouble keeping track of them.

Bob Stefanik is willing and ready this year with not one but two cars. Stefanik is now the proud owner of the former Dave Furioni Sun-bird, which he hopes to add to his driving performance in tough spots.

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his style one bit this year, with the old demolition derby look on his cars. Peter still hasn't changed his taste for the wrecks over since he's begun racing. His car is the easiest to spot in the field, but just in case, under all the body rust and chipped paint, his new car is a Ford Fiesta.

This year, Bob Polverari has switched his home base from Riverside to the Stafford Springs Speedway. Polverari's ever-popular Vega-bodied modifieds will be back in action once again this season, all but the familiar No. 711 being moved to Stafford. Polverari will be appearing at Riverside this year in the new Czarnecki Brothers' No. 20 car.

## Family Theme at the Y

largest suburb of Springfield by the year 2000. According to a need assessment that Mr. Steffey had done last year by the Urban League, that increase appears to be among young families.

The YMCA has as one of its six major objectives, that of strengthening family life, said Mr. Steffey, and in Agawam that expertise seems like a natural fit.

So, a fresh push is being given to the "Y" facilities in Agawam. Two residence promotional mailings have been sponsored by local businesses, a new roof has been put on the Pre-School, post and rail fence now lines a newly resurfaced driveway, a committee made up of members is

holding clean-up days, planning a Crafts Fair and Tag Sale, working on promotion and are even beginning to build a "Rustic Playground". And that is only the beginning; This summer the place will have two full time grounds keepers and a teen worker. Tennis lessons are offered utilizing the three tennis courts, and swim lessons are offered to all ages as well as fitness classes for adults.

The major push this year is for new family members and so a 50 percent discount is offered to all first time family members, Mr. Steffey said. That means any size family who is joining for the first time can join for \$42.50. This entitles that family to the pool,

tennis courts, the grounds, programs, free swim lessons, and a part in the new image at the "Y".

If it sounds too good to be true, that is not all. Because the National YMCA places a focus on family life, there are several very well put together family life programs that Mr. Steffey will be offering as the year goes on.

"Frankly", said Mr. Steffey, "the 'Y' has got to decide whether the Agawam facility will sink or swim. And the match of Agawam's potential family needs and 'Y' family resources are just too perfect to let it go. The big hurdle is to communicate the potential to everyone, that is why the 50 percent discount. If people will simply 'get in the water' so to speak then the word is sure to spread".

Mr. Steffey said any family may get a gift certificate and application by calling 739-6951, ext. 252.

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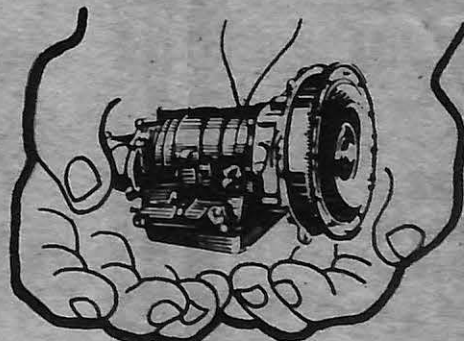
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## Local Golf Club Tees Up Four-Ball

by Steve Berard

The meat and potatoes of the golf tournaments may well be said to be the four-ball tournaments, which usually is open to a member-guest slate of entrants. This was the case last week at the Oak Ridge Golf Club of Agawam, where the qualifying took place for the annual Don Pratt Memorial Tournament.

Fifty-six teams signed up for the event, with the field cut down to the low 16 which competed in the championship flight over the match play route this past weekend. At press time the final results were not known. Dr. Ed Cain and Ray Stoll, two of the many Connecticut golfers entered at Oak Ridge, are the defending champions.

Mike Olesak of Westfield, paired with Bryant college sophomore Bill Boulet, shot a two-over 72 to share the medalist honors as weather hazards sent most of the scores soaring.

Mike Meylan, 26, and Roy Benjamin, 34, linked together another 72 in their third effort in two years as partners to make the final cut for the tournament.

Benjamin chipped in one 13 with Meylan dropping a seven-footer on the 17th hole for their only birds on the day.

Finishing a stroke off the pace were Bill Magnusen and Frank Pluta, along with Phil Biance and Ray Freniere.

Grouped at 75 were Lee Sheffield-Ed Kirshner, Mike Stefanik-Fred Eaton, Ron Mac-Jim Czelusniak, Paul Scheer-Stew Myers, and Al Christopher-Bill Maggi.

Other talented duos that were teeing it up were Ron Collins-Milt Reach, Tony Stryarch-Don Veto, Ray Gilbert-Dick Hudson, Ron Mac-Jim Czelusniak, Bill Magnusen-Frank Pluta, and Bob Sherman-George Butman.

## Touching All Bases

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

The Interscholastic League High School Track Meet was held last week at Springfield College's Blake Field, with the Classical High team going into the meet undefeated.

And the Bulldogs, which were eyeing their first city championship in history, boasted of an arsenal so explosive, it's no wonder why Classical had the dynamite season that they had.

Cathedral, which lost by one to Classical in a dual meet for the first time ever, was sparked by two-miler Garrett Mahoney, Dan Moriarty (220), Joe LaCasse (shotput), John Blake (triple jump), Cary Noonan (high jump), Billy Hayes (880), Joe and Charlie Wolff (mile), and John Taylor (two-mile).

Defending low-hurdles champion Dwayne Dawson of Tech (39.2 IL best), Tony Johnson (440), and Al Dawson (shotput) will keep Tiger coach Ted Dutkiewicz from changing his stripes.

On the Commerce side, which is by the way another major power in the western Mass. world of track, Louie Jones is one cinder-blocker they can boast about, who is the defending long-jump champion. Also added to their team of jumpers is Lee Best, who specializes in the high-jump.

All results were not known at press time, and will be forwarded in next week's issue.

Speaking of track, the Brownies took their first loss of the season in the chin, as the Minnechaug Regional boys' track team toppled previously undefeated Agawam, 86-59. The win upped the Falcons record to 7-0, bringing them to the brink of the Valley Wheel crown.

The top two point-getters in the Wheel, Agawam's Randy Young and the Falcon's Rick Farrar had it out at the meet, resulting in them each winning four titles a piece.

Young won the 440 (52.1), the 880 (2:05.9), high jump (6'), and triple jump (41.4"½). Farrar won the high hurdles (15.2), the low hurdles (41.0), the discus (151'7") and the javelin event (162'4").

### SPORT SHORTS

The Pioneer Valley Raquet Club of Agawam will be holding another Fast-Serve Contest on Thursday, June 1, from 1-3 p.m.

Yamaha fiberglass raquets will go to the top man and woman as timed by a radar gun. The contest is open to the public and costs nothing to enter.

Congratulations to Agawam's duo of Dick Smus and Charlie Jutras for their fine bowling in the 1978 Massachusetts State Candlepin Bowling Championship at the Natick Sports World, Natick, Mass.

The well-known pair placed ninth in the state championship that drew professional bowlers from all parts of the state. They

rolled a combined 1,277, which was worth \$65.

The Bowling Championships will be taped by Channel 40, Springfield, and will be aired in two 90-minute segments.

If you haven't noticed yet, West Springfield's Bob Polverari, one of Riverside's more prominent drivers, has moved his home base away from the Riverside Speedway to the Stafford Speedway, bringing his famous No. 711 along with him. Polverari may now be seen at Riverside driving the new Czarnecki Brother's No. 20 car. Although rumors have been circulating about Polverari cutting down his appearances at Riverside, he still plans to frequent the

Speedway this racing season.

The Western Mass. high school tennis tournament competition will begin this week, with the girls' competition set for Monday and the boys ready for Tuesday. Agawam is hoping for a championship berth in the competition.

Among the top names in the tournament is Cathedral's Tim Mayotte, the No. 1 junior in New England, who will be shooting for his third straight singles title.

The girls singles and doubles competition is set for Forest Park, while the boys will be returning to Amherst College once again this year.

## Agawam Athletic Association Track

The Agawam Athletic Association (AAA) runs a spring track program Saturday mornings at the Agawam High School track. This program is open to boys and girls from the age of 8 years old to 14 years old having signed up at the March registration.

Competition takes place within each age group in the dash (50 yd. for 8 and 9 year olds, 80 yd. for 10, 11, and 12 year olds, 100 yd. for 13 and 14 year olds), a distance run (330 yds. for 8, 9, and 10 year olds, 440 yds. for 11, 12, 13, and 14 year olds), throwing (softball for 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 year olds, shot for 13 and 14 year olds), long jump, broad jump, and high jump. One day is set aside for relay racing, ¼ mile.

Records are kept for each child in the above mentioned categories and rankings determined for each child. Points are given according to the place of finish with the highest three point gatherers in each age group competing in a pentathlon on

the day of the last meet.

Each child who competes in a minimum of events will receive a medal according to their place of finish (1, 2, 3-gold, silver, bronze) in one of four divisions (1st division-blue ribbon, 2nd division-red ribbon, 3rd division-white ribbon, and 4th division-green ribbon). Trophies are awarded to the winners of the pentathlon.

The AAA track program is directed on the field by two former AAA competitors, Leslie Clark and Phil Losito. Coaches are with each age group to help them practice for the various events and keep the scores. The whole program is directed by Warren Barr, with Betty Bonfitto acting as secretary, under the auspices of the Agawam Athletic Association.

This program was started in the spring of 1977 and was at the time the only program like this within a very large geographical area encompassing at least New England to the best of the knowledge of the AAA.

## AAA Soccer Team Hot Streak

by Steve Berard

The Agawam Athletic Association boys 13-14 suburban soccer team is having a hot streak after a slow 1-1-1 start. The boys have won their last 5 games in a row with a fine team effort. During the winning streak the team beat the Chicopee Chargers 4-1, Chicopee Ajac 2-1, East Longmeadow 2-0, St. Catherine 2-1 and Sixteen Acres Lions 1-0. In the Chicopee Chargers 4-1 victory three goals were scored by Dave Duclos and one by Billy O'Brien. In the East Longmeadow game, goals were scored by Dave Jenks and Ricky Costa. Goals by D. J. Chevalier helped to defeat the Chicopee Ajac 2-1. St. Catherine was in first place coming into the game against Agawam and lost 2-1 with scores by Billy O'Brien and Dave Jenks. A single

goal by Dave Jenks was all that was needed to defeat the Sixteen Acres Lions 1-0 in a tightly played game. Throughout the five game win streak Jeff Fuller was outstanding in goal. According to Coach Bill O'Brien, "Jeff Hill has been nothing but outstanding in goal." Jeff will be playing Jr. High soccer come this fall and will be tough to beat out for goalie. The full back have been working together helping to protect the goalie. The fullbacks are Dave Stratton, Brian Duggan and Tim Guanieri.

Coach Bill O'Brien has done a fine job with the team being assisted by Dave Statton. Dave is the soccer coach for Classical High School.

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The Cut-a-thon will be held in the Eastfield Mall Gazebo area. The stylists are donating their time and equipment and all proceeds will benefit MDA.

The public is invited and urged to have their hair cut, blown dry, and styled while their \$7.00 donation will enable the Muscular Dystrophy Association to

continue its wide range of free patient and community services and its on-going research projects to find a cure for the disease which afflicts hundreds of thousands of American men, women and children.

Reservations are not required.

The public is invited to come and watch the event. Individuals wanting hair cuts are required to shampoo that day before coming to have their hair cut.

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The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on proposed AMENDMENTS TO ITS RULES AND REGULATIONS AS IT AFFECTS SUBDIVISIONS CONTROL on Thursday, June 1, 1978, at 8:00 P.M. at the Agawam Town Hall, Hearing Room, Main Street, Agawam. While most of the changes are modifications or additions to clarify the present wording, your attention is directed to the substantive changes in the manner of securing the work with the Town and the provision of bikeways.

The full text, being too long to print in full, is available for your reference at the Agawam Town Hall Clerk's office and Planning Board Office.

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